

# Cape May Bird Observatory



## Center for Research and Education

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CLOSURES: Both CMBO centers will be closed Sunday, April 8, for Easter and Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

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## Spring 2012 Programs

March through May

### Weekly Walks/Activities

The following regularly scheduled program activities, led by CMBO's stellar associate naturalists and professional staff, meet at locations highlighted on the *CMBO Bird and Butterfly Map of Cape May County*, available online at [www.birdcapemay.org](http://www.birdcapemay.org) or from either CMBO center. Bring binoculars, field guides, bug repellent, sunscreen, and drinking water. Dress for prevailing weather and protection from sun, heat, cold, wind, rain, and insects. Note: Programs may be cancelled due to difficult/unsafe weather conditions (this rarely happens).

**Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers unless otherwise indicated.** (Walk tickets are available at a savings: 10 tickets for \$50 members, \$80 nonmembers.) **NO PREREGISTRATION NECESSARY.**

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### SATURDAYS

**BIRDING CAPE MAY POINT**  
**Saturdays, March 3 to 24**

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Great year-round birding occurs right in the heart of Cape May Point. Meet

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CMBO naturalists at Cape May Point State Park near the Hawkwatch Platform. Enjoy wintering waterfowl and songbirds and, in March, search for early returning migrants. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**PHOTO WALKS  
WITH MIKE HANNISIAN  
Saturdays, March 3 to 31**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.  
Bring your camera and gear for a gentle but serious nature photo learning expedition around Cape May Point. Mike is an experienced, published, award-winning photographer, writer, and teacher who is interested in all forms of nature photography. Expect a variety of shooting opportunities, from birds to plants to ice formations to landscapes. Meet on the Hawkwatch Platform, Cape May Point State Park, and please bring your camera user guide book if available. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**SPRING MIGRANTS  
AT THE REA FARM  
Saturdays, March 31 to May 26  
EXCEPT May 12 and 19**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.  
Some of the spring's best birding occurs on this working farm, known locally as "The Beanery." NJ Audubon has leased the birding privileges, giving us access to some of the least-disturbed parts of Cape May Point. Prothonotary Warblers, Indigo Buntings, and more. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**BIRDS OF  
BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST  
Saturdays, March 31 to May 26  
EXCEPT May 12 and 19**

7:30 to 10:30 A.M.  
Many southern birds, including Summer Tanager, Hooded Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo are near the northern limit of their breeding range in Belleplain. Our leaders know the best spots. Meet at the Belleplain State Forest Field Office, just off Route 550, west of Woodbine. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**THE BIRDS OF CAPE MAY: A  
BIRD WALK FOR ALL PEOPLE  
Saturdays, March 31 to May 26  
EXCEPT May 12 and 19**

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.  
Not watching birds when in Cape May is like not visiting the Grand Canyon when in Arizona! Whether you are a seasoned birder or have never really thought about watching birds on purpose before, meet CMBO naturalists at the Wildlife Viewing Platform at Cape May Point State Park for a relaxed afternoon of birding. No binoculars? No problem – loaners will be available and we'll show you how to use them if necessary. See twenty species of birds or the walk is free! No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**SUNDAYS  
SUNDAY MORNING  
AT TURKEY POINT  
Sundays, March 4 to 25**

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
Meet CMBO naturalists for a walk for winter birds down New Jersey's Miracle Mile. Meet at the end of Turkey Point Road in Cumberland County (reached from Route 553 south of the town of Dividing Creek). No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**NIGHTFALL AT JAKES LANDING  
Sunday, March 4  
4:30 P.M. to dusk  
Sunday, March 18  
5:30 P.M. to dusk**

Search for wildlife where the forest meets the salt marsh at Jakes Landing. Meet CMBO naturalists at the end of Jakes Landing Road, near Dennisville. Watch for Northern Harriers, Short-eared Owls, Great Horned Owls, winter songbirds, and early migrants in March. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**NIGHTFALL AT CORBIN CITY  
IMPOUNDMENTS  
Sundays, March 11 and 25**

5:30 P.M. to dusk  
The Corbin City Unit of Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area overlooks rich marshes along the Tuckahoe and Great Egg Harbor Rivers, a winter hotspot for Rough-legged Hawks, Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers,

Bald and Golden Eagles, winter waterfowl, winter songbirds, and early migrants in March. Meets at North Branch of Cape May County Library: Northbound on Garden State Parkway, take Exit 20 to Route 50; go 3.9 miles to Dennisville-Petersburg Road (Route 631); turn right, watch for Upper Township Library on right side less than one mile. Southbound on Garden State Parkway, take Exit 25 toward CR 623/ Ocean City/ Marmora; right onto Roosevelt Blvd./ CR 623; after 0.6 miles, CR 623 becomes Route 631; continue on Route 631 for 4.2 miles and watch for library on the left. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**COX HALL CREEK (VILLAS) WMA  
BIRD WALK  
Sundays, April 1 to May 20  
EXCEPT May 13 and 20**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.  
Explore this 253-acre state wildlife management area, formerly a golf course. Trails include easy-walking asphalt paths traversing meadows, open woods, numerous ponds, and wet woods along Cox Hall Creek. Good for woodpeckers, Pine Warblers, and other early migrants. Meet the leaders at the parking area at the west end of Shawmount Ave. (off Route 603 / Bayshore Road, south of Route 654 / Fulling Mill Road, 0.2 miles south of the Lower Township municipal buildings and library). No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**BELLEPLAIN WILDLIFE  
Sundays, April 15 to May 27  
EXCEPT May 13 and 20**

10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.  
Join CMBO naturalists to find spring butterflies, dragonflies, and birds; learn trees, shrubs, and wildflowers; and just, well, have a great time looking at everything! The plan is to go somewhere different each week, according to season and what local conditions are like. One week it could be baskettails and elfins on the dirt trails, another week, orchids in the shady mountain laurel thickets, another week we could be looking for Bog Coppers and pitcher plants. And no matter what we do, there will always be birds! Rubber boots

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strongly recommended. Meet at the Belleplain State Forest Office just off Route 550, west of Woodbine. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

## MONDAYS

### **BIRDING THE MEADOWS WITH PETE DUNNE**

**Mondays, March 19 to May 28**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.

Join Pete Dunne and other CMBO naturalists at The Nature Conservancy's Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge. The spring birding can be very rewarding at this recently restored hotspot. Meet at the refuge parking lot on Sunset Blvd. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

### **SHOREBIRDS AT HEISLERVILLE WITH PETE DUNNE**

**Mondays, April 16 to May 21**

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Join Pete Dunne and other CMBO naturalists at the epicenter of spring shorebirding on the edge of Delaware Bay. The impoundment at Heislerville WMA has become a spring legend, attracting up to four Curlew Sandpipers in recent springs, plus lots of other shorebirds. Depending on tide conditions, this field trip may visit nearby East Point or Thompson's Beach. Meet at the clamshell parking area at the end of Matt's Landing Road near Heislerville, next to the impoundment and across from the marina. Bring a scope if you have one. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

## TUESDAYS

### **HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN**

**Tuesdays, April 17 to May 22**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.

Visit some of the lesser-known parts of this marvelous state forest for spring migrant birds, wildflowers, and whatever crosses our path. Meet at the Belleplain State Forest Field Office, just off Route 550, west of Woodbine. No preregistration necessary.

Cost: \$6 members,  
\$10 nonmembers.

### **PHOTO WALKS WITH SCOTT WHITTLE**

**Tuesdays, April 3 to May 29**

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Bring your camera and gear up for a relaxed photo-and-learning expedition around Cape May Point. Scott is a professional photographer and an instructor for our popular bird photography workshops. Meet in front of the Hawkwatch Platform, Cape May Point State Park. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

### **EZ BIRDING at Cape May Point State Park**

**Tuesdays, April 3 to May 29**

9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

We don't start too early, we don't walk too far, and we're never far from a bathroom – but we see a lot of birds anyway! These easy-paced walks are great for new birders or anyone who wants to relax a bit. Loaner binoculars are available. Meet CMBO naturalists in front of the Hawkwatch Platform at Cape May Point State Park. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

## WEDNESDAYS

### **BIRDING CAPE MAY POINT Wednesdays,**

**March 21 to May 30**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.

Some of South Jersey's best birding occurs right in the heart of Cape May Point. Meet Mike Crewe and CMBO naturalists at Cape May Point State Park at the Hawkwatch Platform. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

### **NUMMY'S ISLAND BIRD WALK Wednesdays, April 4 to May 30**

4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

This rich saltmarsh is one of the best spots to observe hunting and breeding Clapper Rails, herons and egrets, American Oystercatchers, Ospreys, Black Skimmers, terns, and Seaside Sparrows; and to enjoy mudflats teeming with migrant shorebirds. Meet CMBO naturalists on Nummy's Island just south of the free bridge on Ocean Drive after leaving Stone Harbor. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

### **EXPLORING CUMBERLAND Wednesdays, May 2 to 23**

7:30 to 10:30 A.M.

Visit little-known hotspots in eastern Cumberland County and search for migrants and breeding birds while also enjoying wildflowers, amphibians, and more. Meet CMBO naturalists at the parking area at the base of the Maurice River Bridge on Route 670, just a few miles from the western junction of Routes 47 and 347. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

## THURSDAYS

### **BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST**

**Thursdays, April 5 to May 31 EXCEPT May 17**

7:30 to 10:30 A.M.

Many southern birds, including Summer Tanagers, Hooded Warblers, Acadian Flycatchers, and Yellow-

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# CAPE MAY SCHOOL OF BIRDING 2012

March 15-16 (2 days)

**New! Waterfowl Heading North**

March 31 (1 day)

**Gulls Simplified**

April 1 (1 day)

**Field Sketching for Beginners**

April 21-22 (2 days)

**Introduction to Bird Photography**

April 28-29 (2 days)

**Birding by Ear – Eastern Birds**

May 5-7 (3 days)

**Spring Migration Peak Weekend**

May 8-9 (2 days)

**Warblers by Sight and Sound**

May 14-15 (2 days)

**Spring Shorebirds**

June 9 (1 day)

**New! Identifying Trees**

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billed Cuckoos are near the northern limit of their breeding range in Belleplaine. Our leaders know the best spots. Meet CMBO leaders at the Belleplaine State Forest Office just off Route 550, west of Woodbine. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**NEW!  
BIRDS, BEASTS, AND BOTANY  
Thursdays, April 5 to May 31  
EXCEPT May 17**

9:00 to 11:00 A.M.  
Join Mike Crewe to look at everything that's natural in Cape May. As spring gradually unfolds, we'll see the emergence of the first spring flowers, the arrival of breeding songbirds and the gradual change-over from early spring butterflies to early summer dragonflies. Come as often as you can and see things change before your very eyes! Meet at Cox Hall Creek WMA (Shawmount

Ave). No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**SHOREBIRDS AT HEISLERVILLE  
WITH PETE DUNNE**

**Thursdays, April 19 to May 24**  
1:00 to 3:00 P.M.  
See Monday trip writeup for details. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**FRIDAYS  
WINTER EVENINGS  
AT THE MEADOWS**

**Fridays, March 2 to 23**  
5:00 P.M. to dusk on March 2 and 9  
6:00 P.M. to dusk on March 16 and 23  
Join CMBO naturalists at The Nature Conservancy's Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge parking area on Sunset Boulevard to enjoy this magic season at a magic time, when local birders have come to expect woodcock displaying, snipe on the move, Virginia Rails calling, and other

signs of spring. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**HIGBEE'S BEACH BIRD WALK  
Fridays, March 30 to May 25  
EXCEPT May 18**

7:30 to 9:30 A.M.  
Blue Grosbeaks, Brown Thrashers, Yellow-breasted Chats, Yellow Warblers, and White-eyed Vireos all arrive in April to breed here. Many spring warblers and other songbirds migrate through. Join Mike Crewe and CMBO naturalists at the Higbee's Beach Wildlife Management Area parking lot, located at the west end of New England Road. Additional parking is available on the road to the jetty which leads to the right from the entrance to the lot. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

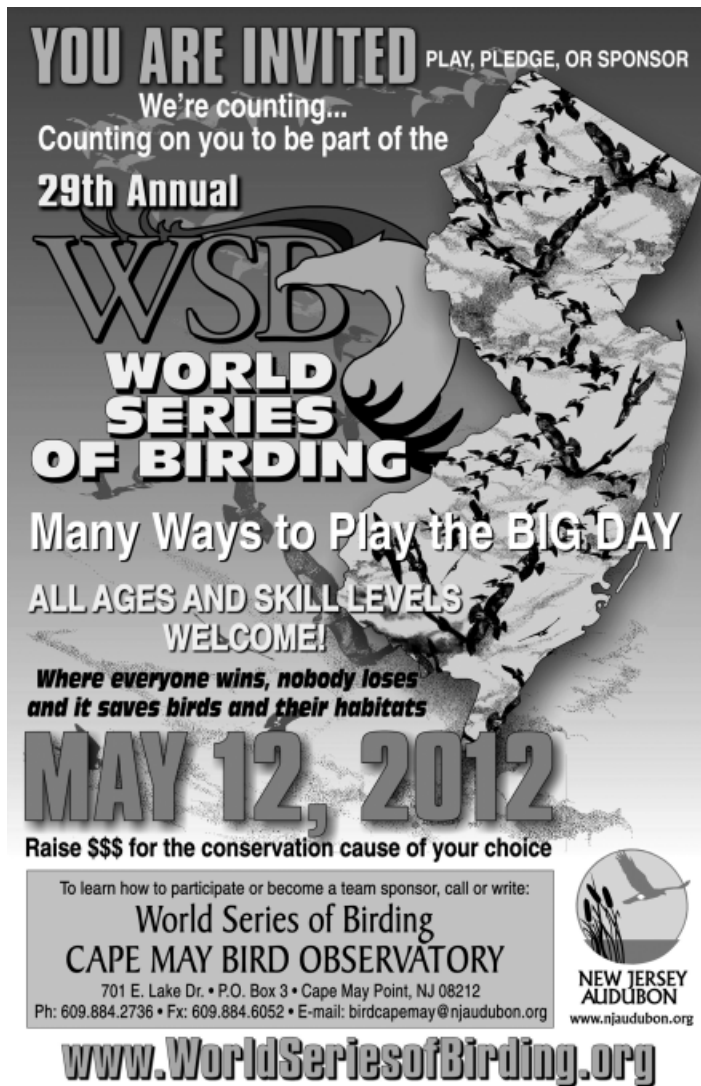
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**A MEADOWS AFTERNOON  
Fridays, April 6 to May 25  
EXCEPT May 18**

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

The open landscape of the South Cape May Meadows is ideal for afternoon birding. Seasonally flooded ponds attract ducks and shorebirds, while beach nesters like Piping Plovers and American Oystercatchers will be back and active. No preregistration necessary. Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

**CAPE MAY SCHOOL OF  
BIRDING WORKSHOPS**

**Preregistration required**

See boxed program registration information at the end of this listing for details on how to register for these limited-registration programs. Please register early: most programs fill, but undersubscribed programs may be cancelled five days in advance.

**NEW!  
WATERFOWL HEADING NORTH  
Thursday-Friday,  
March 15-16 (2 days)**

Meet 7:30 A.M. at Cape May Point State Park

With Pete Dunne. Say goodbye to winter and hello to northbound ducks and geese. They're beautiful. They're cooperative. Great subjects for birders learning the basics, but a challenge for experienced birders, too – or as one VERY accomplished birder once put it: "Why is it after twenty years I still can't identify scaup." The focus will be waterfowl. Likely locations include Cape Island, Stone Harbor, Forsythe NWR, and Barnegat Light. The target is 30 species of ducks and geese plus other birds of the ocean, back bays, and freshwater and tidal marshes. NOTE: CMBO's ANNUAL OPTICS SALE IS MARCH 17-18. Field-test binoculars and spotting scopes on the workshop before the sale! Preregistration required.

Cost: \$150 members,  
\$190 nonmembers.

**GULLS SIMPLIFIED**

**Saturday, March 31 (1 day)**

Meet 8:00 A.M. at Cape May Point State Park.

With Michael O'Brien. From the brown and mottled to the clean and gray, you either love gulls or you

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don't. Whatever camp you're in, join Michael O'Brien for a morning in the field learning the easy way to separate the four common winter gulls and practicing sifting flocks of gulls for something rare – and perhaps even find an Iceland Gull or other species. We'll also cut through the fancy terminology around age and molt. After lunch we'll head indoors for a review of gull plumages, aging, and some of the rarer species. Second leader (if registration warrants): Mike Crewe. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$85 members,  
\$125 nonmembers.

**FIELD SKETCHING  
FOR BEGINNERS**

**Sunday, April 1 (1 day)**

Meet 8:00 A.M. at Cape May Point State Park.

With Michael O'Brien. There is no better way to learn the details of a bird's structure and plumage than to draw it, and many expert birders, like Michael and Louise, are also artists. Learn tips and tricks for quickly sketching birds in the field when there may not be time for painstaking observation. Drawing birds brings advantages to non-artists, too, simply from the need to look at a bird critically in order to draw it, and is a great way to document an unusual species. No artistic talent or training needed. This workshop has been very popular – sign up early! Second leader (if registration warrants):

Louise Zemaitis. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$85 members,  
\$125 nonmembers.

**INTRODUCTION TO  
BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY  
Saturday and Sunday,  
April 21 to 22 (2 days)**

Meet 8:00 A.M. at Cape May Point State Park.

With Scott Whittle. Register early – there was a waiting list last year, and those who attended clamored for more! Whether you're looking to accelerate your identification skills, or show the world how you see the birds around you, the camera is a perfect tool. In this two-day workshop, professional photographer Scott Whittle will help you work with the equipment you have to achieve your photographic goals. The course will include an overview of gear and how to use it, shooting sessions in the field, and how to develop a digital workflow that gets you the best possible image. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras and laptops, or borrow equipment from a friend.

Cost: \$150 members,  
\$190 nonmembers.

**BIRDING BY EAR  
Saturday and Sunday,  
April 28 to 29 (2 days)**

Meet 7:00 A.M. at Belleplain State Forest field office in Woodbine.

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## Cape May Bird Observatory Spring 2012 Events at a Glance

February 25 . Brigantine and Mott's Creek	April 2 ..... South Cape May Meadows	April 21 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk
March 2 ..... Winter Evening at the Meadows	April 3 ..... EZ Birding	April 21 ..... Salt Marsh Safari
March 3 ..... Birding at Cape May Point	April 3 ..... Photo Walk	April 21 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River
March 3 ..... Photo Walk	April 4 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 21 ..... Bird Walk for All People
March 3 ..... Woodcock Dance	April 4 ..... Nummy's Island	April 22 ..... Cox Hall Creek WMA
March 4 ..... Turkey Point	April 5 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk	April 22 ..... Belleplaine Wildlife
March 4 ..... Jake's Landing	April 5 ..... Birds, Beasts, and Botany	April 22 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River
March 9 ..... Winter Evening at the Meadows	April 6 ..... Higbee's Beach	April 23 ..... South Cape May Meadows
March 10 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 6 ..... South Cape May Meadows	April 23 ..... Heislerville Shorebirds
March 10 ..... Photo Walk	April 7 ..... Rea Farm	April 24 ..... Hidden Corners Belleplaine
March 10 ..... Woodcock Dance	April 7 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk	April 24 ..... Photo Walk
March 11 ..... Turkey Point	April 7 ..... Salt Marsh Safari	April 24 ..... EZ Birding
March 11 ..... Corbin City	April 7 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River	April 25 ..... Birding Cape May Point
March 15-16 Waterfowl Heading North Workshop	April 7 ..... Bird Walk for All People	April 25 ..... Nummy's Island
March 16 ..... Winter Evening at the Meadows	April 8 ..... Cox Hall Creek WMA	April 26 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk
March 17 ..... Optics Sale	April 8 ..... CRE Closed for Easter	April 26 ..... Birds, Beasts, Botany
March 17 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 9 ..... South Cape May Meadows	April 26 ..... Heislerville Shorebirds
March 17 ..... Photo Walk	April 10 ..... Photo Walk	April 27 ..... Higbee's Beach
March 17 ..... Loons and Shorebirds Boat Trip	April 10 ..... EZ Birding	April 27 ..... So Cape May Meadows
March 18 ..... Optics Sale	April 11 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 28-29 ... Birding By Ear Workshop
March 18 ..... Turkey Point	April 11 ..... Nummy's Island	April 28 ..... Rea Farm
March 18 ..... Jake's Landing	April 12 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk	April 28 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk
March 19 ..... South Cape May Meadows	April 12 ..... Birds, Beasts, Botany	April 28 ..... Salt Marsh Safari
March 21 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 13 ..... Higbee's Beach	April 28 ..... Loons and Shorebirds Boat Trip
March 23 ..... Winter Evening at the Meadows	April 13 ..... South Cape May Meadows	April 28 ..... Bird Walk for All People
March 24 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 14 ..... Rea Farm	April 28 ..... Great Egg Harbor River Cruise
March 24 ..... Photo Walk	April 14 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk	April 29 ..... Cox Hall Creek WMA
March 24 ..... Poor Man's Pelagic	April 14 ..... Salt Marsh Safari	April 29 ..... Back Bay Birding Boat
March 24 ..... Loons and Shorebirds Boat Trip	April 14 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River	April 29 ..... Belleplaine Wildlife
March 25 ..... Turkey Point	April 14 ..... Bird Walk for All People	April 30 ..... Birds of Peaslee WMA
March 25 ..... Corbin City	April 15 ..... Cox Hall Creek WMA	April 30 ..... South Cape May Meadows
March 26 ..... South Cape May Meadows	April 15 ..... Belleplaine Wildlife	April 30 ..... Back Bay Birding Boat
March 28 ..... Birding Cape May Point	April 15 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River	April 30 ..... Heislerville Shorebirds
March 30 ..... Higbee's Beach	April 16 ..... South Cape May Meadows	May 1 ..... Hidden Corners Belleplaine
March 31 ..... Gulls Simplified Workshop	April 16 ..... Heislerville Shorebirds	May 1 ..... Photo Walk
March 31 ..... Rea Farm	April 17 ..... Hidden Corners Belleplaine	May 1 ..... EZ Birding
March 31 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk	April 17 ..... Photo Walk	May 2 ..... Birding Cape May Point
March 31 ..... Photo Walk	April 17 ..... EZ Birding	May 2 ..... Exploring Cumberland
March 31 ..... Salt Marsh Safari	April 18 ..... Birding Cape May Point	May 2 ..... Nummy's Island
March 31 ..... Bird Walk for All People	April 18 ..... Nummy's Island	May 3 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk
March 31 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River	April 19 ..... Belleplaine Bird Walk	May 3 ..... Birds, Beasts, Botany
April 1 ..... Field Sketching	April 19 ..... Birds, Beasts, Botany	May 3 ..... Heislerville Shorebirds
April 1 ..... Cox Hall Creek WMA	April 19 ..... Heislerville Shorebirds	May 4 ..... Higbee's Beach
April 1 ..... Raptors and Waterfowl on the Maurice River	April 20 ..... Higbee's Beach	May 4 ..... South Cape May Meadows
	April 20 ..... So. Cape May Meadows	May 5-7 ..... Spring Migration Workshop
	April 21 ..... Art of Bird Finding Workshop	May 5 ..... Rea Farm
	April 21-22 ... Bird Photography Workshop	
	April 21 ..... Rea Farm	

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## Cape May Bird Observatory Spring 2012 Events at a Glance *Continued*

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With Michael O'Brien. Everyone's dreamed of learning bird songs, and everyone can. Even experienced birders spend time each spring "getting their ear in," re-learning the songs they already know. Jump-start your audio-recall by learning how to listen critically, group and categorize song types, and (as your song and call repertoire grow) gain confidence and skill. Many of southern N.J.'s breeding birds are back and singing heartily, and migrants will be joining the chorus, too. Second leader (if registration warrants): Louise Zemaitis. Preregistration required. Cost: \$150 members, \$190 nonmembers.

### SPRING MIGRATION PEAK WEEKEND

**Saturday through Monday,  
May 5 through 7** (3 days)  
Meet 7:00 A.M. at Cape May Point State Park.  
With Louise Zemaitis. Birding for everything! Celebrate spring with

migrating songbirds deposited by the night sky and shorebirds teeming on the mudflats. Hooded and Kentucky Warblers sing in the shadows of Belleplaine State Forest, while Summer Tanagers "piki-tuck" overhead. Red Knots and Sanderlings feed in mosaics of rust and silver on the Delaware Bay shore, and egrets and herons dot the back bay meadows. This workshop is all about diversity and focuses not only on identifying the birds, but also learning about their lives. Second leader (if registration warrants) to be announced. Preregistration required. Cost: \$225 members, \$265 nonmembers.

### WARBLERS BY SIGHT AND SOUND

**Tuesday and Wednesday,  
May 8 to 9** (2 days)  
Meet 7:00 A.M. at Belleplaine State Forest field office.  
With Louise Zemaitis. It's been

suggested that without the excitement of warblers in the spring, there would be no birdwatching as we know it today. No other family of North American birds is so colorful, vocal and animate. No spring is complete without a trip seeking warbler waves. Here's your trip. Timed to catch the peak of the northern migrant wave and see species like Blackburnian and Canada Warblers and southern species like Hooded and Prothonotary Warblers. And did we mention that vireos, thrushes, and tanagers will also be about?! Second leader (if registration warrants): Michael O'Brien. Preregistration required. Cost: \$150 members, \$190 nonmembers.

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Become a New Jersey Audubon member and enjoy discounts on tours, events, and field trips at all NJ Audubon centers. Members also get a 10% discount at our Nature Stores (greater discount on optics).

# CMBO 2012 Business Partnerships

This listing highlights the business partners that support our organization. For a complete listing of all our business supporters, request a copy of our brochure "Places to Eat, Shop, Stay, and Play" or find it online at [www.BirdCapeMay.org](http://www.BirdCapeMay.org).

Please let these businesses know you appreciate their support of the Cape May Bird Observatory. Many of these businesses offer discounts to current NJ Audubon/CMBO members – keep your card handy when you visit! Enjoy everything Cape May has to offer!

## PARTNERS

**Amy's Cottage Rental at Cape May**  
108 W. Wilde Avenue, Villas, NJ 08251  
For availability and rates, call Amy at 856.217.2152  
[www.cottageatcapemay.com](http://www.cottageatcapemay.com)

**Beachcomber Camping Resort**  
462 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.886.6035 or Toll Free 800.233.0150  
[www.beachcombercamp.com](http://www.beachcombercamp.com)

**The Bird House of Cape May Shop**  
109 Sunset Blvd., West Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.898.8871 or Toll Free 877.362.9200  
[www.birdhouseofcapemay.com](http://www.birdhouseofcapemay.com)

**Buckingham Motel**  
1111 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4073 [www.buckinghammotel.com](http://www.buckinghammotel.com)

**Capri Motor Lodge**  
1033 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4727 [www.caprimotorlodge.com](http://www.caprimotorlodge.com)

**Coastline Realty**  
1400 Texas Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.5005 or Toll Free 800.377.7843  
[www.coastlinerealty.com](http://www.coastlinerealty.com)

**Harry's Ocean Bar & Grille**  
1025 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.6113 [www.harryscapemay.com](http://www.harryscapemay.com)

**The House On The Hill**  
779 Tabernacle Road, Cold Spring near Cape May  
For availability and rates, call Ellen at 609.425.7406  
[www.capemaytimes.com/rentals/shaw.htm](http://www.capemaytimes.com/rentals/shaw.htm)

**The Mason Cottage**  
625 Columbia Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609-884-3358 [www.themasoncottage.com](http://www.themasoncottage.com)

**The Montreal Inn**  
1025 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.7011 or Toll Free 800.525.7011  
[www.montreal-inn.com](http://www.montreal-inn.com)

**Mt. Vernon Motel**  
300 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4665 [www.mtvernonmotel.com](http://www.mtvernonmotel.com)

**On The Porch Rental**  
325 Fourth Avenue, West Cape May, NJ 08204  
For availability and rates, call Marikay at 267.328.7212  
[www.vrbo.com/381344](http://www.vrbo.com/381344)

**The Original Fudge Kitchen**  
513 Washington Street Mall – 609.884.2834  
728 Beach Avenue – 609.884.4287  
Cape May, NJ Toll Free 800.23.Fudge  
[www.fudgekitchens.com](http://www.fudgekitchens.com)

**The Sea Breeze Rental**  
504 Sixth Avenue, West Cape May, NJ 08204  
For availability and rates, call Kate Brown at  
609.884.1888 (ext 222) -or- Toll Free 888.309.7454  
[www.CapeMayShoreRentals.com](http://www.CapeMayShoreRentals.com) (listing #101786)

**Summer Station Hotel**  
217 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.8800 or Toll Free 800.248.8801  
[www.summerstationhotel.com](http://www.summerstationhotel.com)

**Utsch's Marina & Ship Store**  
1121 Rt. 109 – Schellenger's Landing, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.2051 [www.capemayharbor.com](http://www.capemayharbor.com)

**Victor Emanuel Nature Tours**  
2525 Wallingwood Drive, Suite 1003, Austin, TX 78746  
512.328.5221 or Toll Free 800.328.8368  
[www.ventbird.com](http://www.ventbird.com)

## PARTNERS PLUS

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609.884.8702 [www.queenvictoria.com](http://www.queenvictoria.com)  
E-mail: [stay@queenvictoria.com](mailto:stay@queenvictoria.com)

**AVONDALE BY THE SEA MOTEL**  
609 Beach Ave, PO Box 2382  
Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.2332 or Toll Free 800.676.7030  
[www.avondalebythesea.com](http://www.avondalebythesea.com)

**BAYBERRY INN**  
223 Perry Street, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.9232 or Toll Free 877.923.9232  
[www.bayberryinncapemay.com](http://www.bayberryinncapemay.com)

**BELLA VIDA CAFÉ ON BROADWAY**  
406 Broadway, West Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.6332 [www.bellavidacafe.com](http://www.bellavidacafe.com)

**BLUE FISH INN**  
601 Madison Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4838 or Toll Free 888.426.2346  
[www.bluefishinn.com](http://www.bluefishinn.com)

**CAPE HARBOR MOTOR INN**  
715 Pittsburgh Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.0018 [www.capeharmormotorinn.com](http://www.capeharmormotorinn.com)

**CAPE MAY CONDO RENTALS**  
For availability and rates, call Carl at  
856.273.1733  
[www.capemayrentalsnj.com](http://www.capemayrentalsnj.com)

**CAPE MAY BOAT TOURS  
BIRDING BY BOAT™ – The Osprey**  
Miss Chris Marina  
1218 Wilson Drive, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.898.3500 [www.birdingbyboat.com](http://www.birdingbyboat.com)

**THE CARROLL VILLA HOTEL**  
19 Jackson Street, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.9619 or Toll Free 877.275.8452  
[www.carrollvilla.com](http://www.carrollvilla.com)

**DIAMOND BEACH GETAWAY RENTAL**  
207 E Memphis Ave, Wildwood Crest, NJ 0826  
For availability & rates: Chris at  
703.241.1831  
[www.capemaytimes.com/rentals/wildwood/white.htm](http://www.capemaytimes.com/rentals/wildwood/white.htm)

**GEM BY THE SEA PRIVATE RENTAL**  
308 Lighthouse Ave., Cape May Pt, NJ 08212  
For availability & rates phone  
Joan Lindeman at 609.884.3050  
[www.homesteadrealestate.net/308light/main.htm](http://www.homesteadrealestate.net/308light/main.htm)

**GRAND HOTEL OF CAPE MAY – and –  
HEMINGWAY'S RESTAURANT**  
1045 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.5611 or Toll Free 800.257.8550  
[www.grandhotelcapemay.com](http://www.grandhotelcapemay.com)

**HOMESTEAD REAL ESTATE CO., INC.**  
846 Broadway, West Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.1888 or Toll Free 888.309.7454  
[www.homesteadcapemay.com](http://www.homesteadcapemay.com)

**THE JETTY MOTEL**  
2nd & Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4640 [www.jettymotel.com](http://www.jettymotel.com)

**LA MER BEACHFRONT INN**  
1317 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.9000 or Toll Free 800.644.5004  
[www.capemaylamer.com](http://www.capemaylamer.com)

**MAD BATTER RESTAURANT**  
19 Jackson Street, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.5970 [www.madbatter.com](http://www.madbatter.com)

**MISS CHRIS MARINA**  
Kayak Trips & Rentals  
1212 Wilson Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.3351 [www.misschrismarina.com](http://www.misschrismarina.com)

**OCEAN CLUB HOTEL – and –  
SEA SALT RESTAURANT**  
1035 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.7000 or Toll Free 888.285.2746  
[www.capemayoceanclubhotel.com](http://www.capemayoceanclubhotel.com)

**SEA CREST INN**  
101 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4561 or Toll Free 866.733.1405  
[www.seacrestinn.com](http://www.seacrestinn.com)

**SEA DREAMS LINEN SERVICE**  
711 New England Road, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.898.0714  
[www.seadreamscapemay.com](http://www.seadreamscapemay.com)

**SOUTHERN MANSION  
BOUTIQUE HOTEL & INN**  
720 Washington St., Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.7171 or Toll Free 800.381.3888  
[www.southernmansion.com](http://www.southernmansion.com)

**SPLASH JEWELRY & GALERY**  
513 Carpenters Lane, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.846.7100  
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**THE WHALE'S TALE JEWELRY & GIFTS**  
312 Washington St Mall, Cape May, NJ 08204  
609.884.4808  
[www.whalestalecapemay.com](http://www.whalestalecapemay.com)

## **SPRING SHOREBIRDS AND SOUTHERN BREEDERS**

**Monday-Tuesday,  
May 14-15** (2 days)

Meet 7:00 A.M.

At Belleplain State Forest field office in Woodbine, with Pete Dunne. Heislerville's celebrated shorebird concentration (not to mention the whole Delaware Bay), coupled with Belleplain State Forest (not to mention nearby Cumberland County hotspots) – all resulting in a lot of great birds, all close together! Red Knots, Dunlin, maybe a Curlew Sandpiper; plus woodland birds like Yellow-throated and Prothonotary Warblers, and Summer Tanagers. Second leader (if registration warrants): Megan Crewe. Preregistration required. Cost: \$150 members, \$190 nonmembers.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS**

**Preregistration required unless otherwise noted**

*See boxed program registration information at the end of this listing for details on how to register for these limited-registration programs. Please register early: most programs fill, but undersubscribed programs may be cancelled five days in advance.*

## **BRIGANTINE AND MOTT'S CREEK**

**Saturday, February 25**

Noon to 5:00 P.M.

Ducks are massing, Northern Harriers and, perhaps, Short-eared Owls will be hunting. Eagles and Rough-legged Hawks are also possible. Meet CMBO naturalists at Brigantine, a.k.a. Forsythe NWR. After birding the refuge the group will head to nearby Mott's Creek for raptor watching. A refuge pass (\$4; can be purchased that day), Golden Age Pass, or federal duck stamp will be required for each vehicle to enter the NWR. Preregistration required. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers.

## **WOODCOCK DANCE**

**Saturdays, March 3 and 10**

5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Each year the dance or nuptial flight of the male American Woodcock

heralds spring. Witness this wonderful and short-lived spring phenomenon. This walk will meet at the CMBO Center for Research and Education in Goshen for materials and a brief woodcock talk, then regroup at a nearby woodcock hotspot. Preregistration required. Limit: 20. Cost: \$8 members, \$15 nonmembers.

## **SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL OPTICS SALE**

**Saturday and Sunday,  
March 17 and 18**

9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Come to the CMBO Center for Research and Education in Goshen for a super selection of closeout, demo, factory-refurbished, new, and used optics priced to move. Binoculars and spotting scopes from all major brands will be available. There are no advance or phone orders: first-come, first-served. You must be a member of NJ Audubon or CMBO to take advantage of these great deals, so join today if you're not already a member.

## **POOR MAN'S PELAGIC**

**Saturday, March 24**

12:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Take the "poor man's pelagic" across Delaware Bay aboard the Cape May-Lewes Ferry at a time of year when hundreds of Northern Gannets (up close and personal), loons, cormorants, gulls, terns, and scoters concentrate in the bay. Meet CMBO naturalists at the Cape May Ferry landing for a half-hour of birding from the landing. Ride the 1:00 P.M. boat to Delaware and return on the 2:45 P.M.. Finish by birding at the jetty near the dock if time allows. PHOTO I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED. Preregistration required. Limit: 20. Cost: \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers (including round trip ferry fee).

## **BIRDS OF PEASLEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

**Monday, April 30**

7:00 to 11:00 A.M.

For all intents and purposes, Peaslee is an extension of Belleplain State Forest, but it has its own charm and its own special areas that harbor a wonderful range of birds. Spend a whole morning with CMBO naturalists and get to know some of the very

best spots in this wonderful natural area. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers.

## **THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE PINE BARRENS WITH RICK RADIS**

**Sunday, May 6**

Meet in Warren Grove at 9:00 A.M.

Trip 1. Visit the pygmy forest of the East Plains for spring wildflowers and botany, fire ecology, herps, nesting birds, a little geology and history, and a lot more. To register contact Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary at 908.766.5787 or email:

[scherman-hoffman@njudubon.org](mailto:scherman-hoffman@njudubon.org)

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers.

## **WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING**

**Saturday, May 12**

It's the TWENTY-NINTH annual World Series of Birding, the event that raises over \$500,000 annually for conservation. Learn how to participate or become a team sponsor. Call or write: World Series of Birding, Cape May Bird Observatory, 701 E. Lake Drive, PO Box 3, Cape May Point, NJ 08212; 609.884.2736; [sheila.lego@njudubon.org](mailto:sheila.lego@njudubon.org); [www.worldseriesofbirding.org](http://www.worldseriesofbirding.org).

## **WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING – CAPE MAY CENTURY RUN TEAM**

**Saturday, May 12**

Meets at West Cape May fire hall. Join Mike Crewe and CMBO's talented and fun associate naturalists, birding at a moderate (not crazed!) pace in Cape May County, at the peak of migration. We have previously tallied between 134 and 166 species. You'll have the option to drop out in midafternoon if needed. Consider signing up for the next day's **World Series Sunday Brunch** where teams gather, tales are told and camaraderie is shared! All skill levels welcomed. Preregistration required.

Cost: Pledges of at least \$1 per bird (raised by you: get family, friends, co-workers to pledge on you). Sunday Brunch (optional): \$25.

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## **BIRDING BY BOAT and KAYAK TOURS**

**Preregistration required unless otherwise noted**

See boxed program registration information at the end of this listing for details on how to register for these limited-registration programs. Please register early: most programs fill, but undersubscribed programs may be cancelled five days in advance.

### **MAURICE RIVER CRUISES FOR BALD EAGLES AND OTHER BIRDS ABOARD THE OSPREY**

**Saturday, March 31**

10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

**Sunday, April 1** at 1:30 P.M.

**Saturday, April 7**

10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

**Saturday, April 14**

10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

**Sunday, April 15** at 1:30 P.M.

**Saturday, April 21**

10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

**Sunday, April 22** at 1:30 P.M.

All trips are two hours.

To register, please call *The Osprey* at 609.898.3500.

The Maurice River is a well-known wintering and nesting area for Bald Eagles. Trips will explore the upper part of the river between Millville and Mauricetown. The Maurice River is designated as "Wild and Scenic" by the National Park Service. It hosts one of New Jersey's largest stands of wild rice, which attracts waterfowl. Participants will search for eagles (which we will view discreetly and from a distance) and other raptors, wintering waterfowl; and welcome the return of nesting Ospreys. We will also enjoy the natural beauty of this part of the river, largely inaccessible by land.

Trips will depart from the public landing at the City of Millville Municipal Marina on Ware Avenue at the Route 49 intersection (adjacent to Millville municipal complex/city hall). There is ample free parking adjacent to the landing. The landing is two blocks from the downtown arts, shopping and dining district.

*The Osprey* is a 37-foot pontoon boat that has a comfortable enclosed cabin with large viewing windows and an open viewing deck. More information, detailed directions, and

online reservations at [www.birdingbyboat.com](http://www.birdingbyboat.com).

Cost: \$30 for adults,  
\$15 for children 7-12,  
free for children under 7  
(one per adult).

### **LOONS AND SHOREBIRDS CRUISE**

**Saturdays,**

**March 17, 24, and April 28**

1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Departs from the Miss Chris Marina, Cape May. Join the crew of *The Osprey* and CMBO naturalists as we search for loons, lingering waterfowl, and some great shorebird viewing. Preregistration required.

Cost: \$30 members,  
\$40 nonmembers.

### **BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT Sundays and Mondays, April 29 to May 28**

10:00 A.M. departure; all trips are three hours through Memorial Day; all trips two hours Memorial Day through Labor Day.

To register, please call *The Osprey* at 609.898.3500. Join the naturalists and crew of *The Osprey* for close-up looks at secretive rails, nesting Ospreys, migrant shorebirds, nesting terns, gulls, herons, and more. We explore the coastal saltmarsh of Cape May from Cape Island Creek to the Wildwoods and view the natural wonders of historic Cape May Harbor. *The Osprey* is a stable, roomy pontoon boat with a fully approved front deck with a railing. We leave from the Miss Chris Marina, 1218 Wilson Drive, in Cape May (plenty of free parking). These trips continue throughout the summer. More information, detailed directions, and online reservations at

[www.birdingbyboat.com](http://www.birdingbyboat.com).

Cost: \$35 for 3-hour trips,  
\$25 for 2-hour trips beginning  
June 3.

### **SALT MARSH SAFARI ON THE SKIMMER**

**Saturday, March 31 to May 26**

10:00 A.M. to noon

To register, please call Wildlife Unlimited/*The Skimmer* at 609.884.3100.

Join Capt. Ginny and Capt. Ed aboard the pontoon boat *The Skimmer*. Trips depart from Dolphin Cove

Marina, reached from Ocean Drive just a little north of Cape May. This pristine area of saltmarsh offers birding as soon as you board the boat. Up-close sightings of herons, egrets, nesting Osprey, gulls and terns, shorebirds, the ever-elusive Clapper Rail and, of course, Black Skimmers are all here and they're waiting for you! For reservations and directions visit [www.skimmer.com](http://www.skimmer.com). Cost: \$25 (2-hour trip).

### **GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER CRUISE**

**Saturday, April 28**

11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Sails from Somers Point.

A great opportunity to cruise up the wild and scenic Great Egg Harbor River, past marshes bordering the Tuckahoe and Corbin City impoundments. Expect Bald Eagles, Ospreys, egrets, herons, lingering loons, and early shorebirds. Aboard the *Duke O' Fluke*, a stable 45-foot open pontoon boat with bench seating. Preregistration required. Limit: 35.

Cost: \$35 members,  
\$45 nonmembers.

#### **PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

Not all programs require preregistration, but some do – see individual program write-ups. Please send payment for programs where preregistration is required, or call in payments, program choices, and program dates along with your name, address, e-mail address, and cell/daytime phone numbers to Cape May Bird Observatory, 600 Route 47 North, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. Register directly by phone by calling 609.861.0700. Paid registration ensures a place. Group size is limited and a minimum number of participants is necessary. Sorry, no refunds unless the program is cancelled by CMBO. Instructions for field trips, with meeting times, places, and other details, will be sent at least one week prior to the event, and are usually available upon request.

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## CMBO PERENNIALS

### The CMBO SLUICE CREEK GALLERY

At CMBO's Center for Research and Education in Goshen

The public is cordially invited. Sluice Creek Gallery hours are 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday. For additional information, please call Susan Zipper at 609.861.0700.

### WANTED:

#### USED (and not-so-used) BOOKS

Clean your shelves and help fill ours for a good cause! Birding, butterflies, nature, gardening for wildlife (no magazines or periodicals, please). On your next visit to the Northwood Center, check out our used-book selection. Bring donated items to the Northwood Center, 701 East Lake Drive, Cape May Point, NJ 08212. Contact Sheila Lego at 609.884.2736, or by e-mail: [sheila.lego@njudubon.org](mailto:sheila.lego@njudubon.org).

### SEVEN-POINT BINO-CHECK AND LENS-CLEANING DEMONSTRATION

Since optics are the primary tools for enjoying bird life, it is important to keep them in top working condition. Stop at either CMBO center to have your binocular performance evaluated and receive a demonstration about the proper way to keep your optics clean. Limited availability at peak visitation times.

Cost: Free.

### YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CMBO CENTERS

609.861.0700 in Goshen and 609.884.2736 in Cape May Point. You and your time are valuable to us!

#### Associate Naturalists and Field Trip Assistants:

Most of our daily walks are led by volunteers. If you are a good birder/naturalist, have excellent people skills and want to give something back, contact Mike Crewe, [mike.crewe@njudubon.org](mailto:mike.crewe@njudubon.org), to learn about volunteering as a leader.

**Nature Store Volunteers:** friendly people needed to greet visitors, answer phones, provide information and process sales. Contact Brian Moscatello at CRE in Goshen.

## WANTED USED BOOKS (AND NOT-SO-USED)

Birding, Butterflies, Nature,  
Gardening for Wildlife

No magazines or periodicals, please  
**Clean your shelves, and help  
fill ours for a good cause!**



On your next  
visit, check out  
our  
used book  
selection  
at the  
Northwood  
Center

#### Bring donated items to:

Cape May Bird Observatory  
Northwood Center  
701 East Lake Drive  
Cape May Point, NJ 08212  
Contact: Sheila Lego 609.884.2736

**Nature Store Inventory:** Help us count our stock at CMBO. Contact Brian Moscatello.

**Feeder Fillers:** people to clean and fill seed feeders regularly at centers. Contact Brian Moscatello at CRE in Goshen.

#### Backyard Habitat Garden Care:

Are you a gardener? Do you possess one of those proverbial green thumbs? The Model Backyard Habitat at CMBO in Goshen needs your care and attention. Contact Brian Moscatello at CRE in Goshen.

**Packet Preparation:** information and membership packs. Contact Deb Shaw in Goshen.

### LOOKING FOR CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY PROGRAMS?

Our sister center, the Nature Center of Cape May, has a full schedule of daily programs for all ages exploring many facets of the natural world.

Contact the nature center at 609.898.8848 or online at [www.njudubon.org/centers/nccm](http://www.njudubon.org/centers/nccm)

