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# Friendly, fun, and Informative Bird Watching

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the Southern Ocean Birding Group. We hope to keep you up to date on what's going on with the group, latest news on the birding front, and what's been seen lately.

Of course, you can always checkout our website at [www.southernoceanbirdinggroup.org](http://www.southernoceanbirdinggroup.org) for our calendar of events, informational links, and other news.



## Trip to Cape

### May for Wetlands and Wildlife

**Safari** Join us on July 10, 2017, for a 2.5 hour cruise on the Osprey pontoon boat out of Miss Chris Marina, 1218 Wilson Drive, Cape May. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. at the docks to pay and board the boat that leaves at 10:00 a.m. The cost per person is \$28, and they accept credit cards. Be sure and bring bug spray as greenheads may be around. Water and snacks are available on board, or you can bring your own. Binoculars and cameras can also be brought onboard. We will join Captain Bob and a naturalist on a smooth voyage into Cape May's natural

wetlands. Cape May is world famous for its variety and abundance of bird and marine life. Your interactive trip from the Cape Island Creek Nature Preserve through historic Cape May Harbor and into the Coastal Salt Marsh is a wonderful opportunity for wildlife viewing at its finest.

There are many Osprey nests that we will pass with chicks, allowing for great photo ops. Last year we had a pod of Bottlenose Dolphins in Jarvis Sound swimming

## August 3 Meeting



Our next meeting is August 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hunting Shanty, Tuckerton Seaport, Tuckerton, NJ. The Seaport is

located right off of Route 9. Our guest speaker will be Paul Guris of See Life Paulagics LLC. Pelagic trips are special birdwatching tours by boat to see seabirds. Paul hires a charter fishing boat for a seabird cruise offshore 20-40 miles to see birds that are rarely glimpsed from shore. As the website says, "Though we emphasize the seabirds, our trips focus on all sea life. We take time for whales, dolphins, sea turtles, fish, and anything else that we find of interest at sea. On each trip, there are enough leaders for the group size. Leaders are chosen not only for their pelagic experience, but also for their abilities to help you

with spotting and identifying the life forms that are found.”

## August Field Trip

Our August field trip is scheduled for August 13, heading to Whitesbog Village, Rt. 530 (Lakehurst Road), meeting at the parking lot at 8 a.m. We will carpool by the bogs.



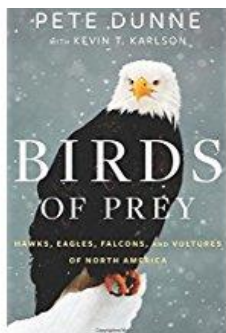
Whitesbog Village encompasses 3,000 acres of bogs, creeks, and forests, and offers a diversity of wildlife and scenic beauty long enjoyed by visitors to this historic

cranberry and blueberry farm. We will be looking for migrating sandpipers, gulls, and raptors. Long pants and bug spray are a must, though we are traveling on the dikes of cranberry bogs. Some good photo ops are also a possibility.

## Previews of Upcoming Meetings

We will be kicking off our 9<sup>th</sup> year on September 7 at the Hunting Shanty.

Our joint program with Atlantic Audubon is September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve at 6 p.m. Our special guest speaker is Kevin Karlson, doing a program on his new book, written with Pete Dunne, **Birds of Prey**.

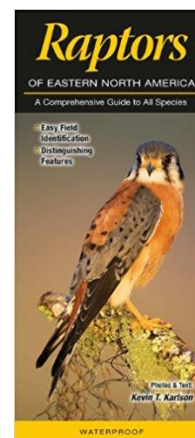
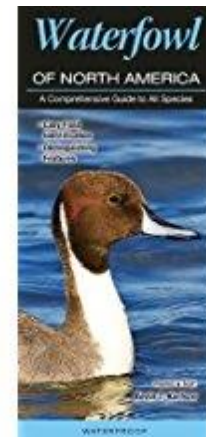
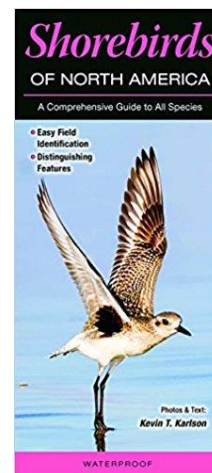


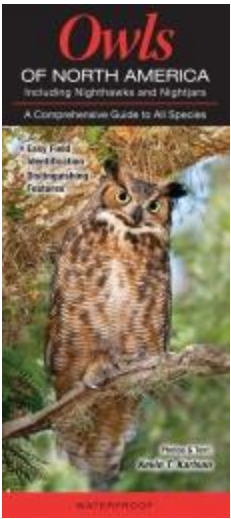
A field trip is scheduled for September 10 to Palmyra Cove Nature Park for migrating warblers and other songbirds.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show is September 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have a table in the non-profit tent and need volunteers for September 23 to help at the table, where will be selling our pocket field guides for next year's MATES Scholarship Fund.

American Birding Expo at Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Sept. 29-October 1, 2017.

## Field Guides For Sale:





**Members \$7.50 each**

**Non-members \$8.00**