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Checkout our **NEW** website at www.southernoceanbirdinggroup.org for our calendar of events, informational links, and other news.

Lakehurst Field Trip



On a dreary Wednesday morning, June 13, about 20 members of the Southern Ocean Birding Group met in Lakehurst to bird the grasslands of Lakehurst Naval Station, part of the

Joint Base. Our leaders were Pete Bacinski and Mike Mandracchia, along with Greg Prelich for the first SOBG trip to the Base.

Heavy mist brought the birds down, and we were lucky to have several pairs of Upland Sandpipers flying above us and over the fields. Not great for photography, but good views none the less. We also saw Eastern Meadowlarks, Grasshopper Sparrows, Horned Larks, and for a real treat, a Common Nighthawk flew over the road right above us. Hoping to make this an annual field trip.

Feathers and Eggs

- The members Bar-B-Q is being held on July 14 at Nancy Lynch's home. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Rachel Corso with what you plan on bringing.
- No meeting in July. Pop-up field trips to Cape May for Osprey boat ride and trip for Nighthawks will be emailed to members.

August 2 Meeting



Our next meeting is **August 2** at 6:30 p.m. at the **Tuckerton Seaport, Hunting Shanty**. The **Seaport** is located right on Route 9 in **Tuckerton**. Our program will be

“Where Do the Birds Go?” with Jenny Uehling, PhD student, Cornell University Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Do you ever watch shorebirds take flight off the beach and wonder where they are headed next? Have you ever noticed a shorebird with a green flag or antenna and wondered where it came from?

Jennifer will discuss the varied species of shorebirds that use the NJ coastline, as well as her work tracking their movements and migration with tiny radio transponders. Understanding bird movement and migration using citizen science and tracking technologies is very important to protecting these species. Come learn about the different ways we can track their movements, from eBird and flag re-sightings to solar-powered radio flags.

Light refreshments will be available.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, SARA LAPSLEY.

Field Trip August 18



Our next field trip is scheduled for August 18 to EB Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge for returning shorebirds. We will meet at

the Visitor Center parking lot at 8 a.m. to carpool around the drive. Bad weather conditions will cancel the trip.

Birding Portugal Part 2

By Susan Puder

Continuing with the April trip to Portugal, many raptors new to me were seen through out the trip. These included Iberian Imperial Eagles, Booted Eagles, Black Kites, Marsh Harriers, Common Buzzards, Kestrels, and Lesser Kestrels.



While in Mertola, we visited the bluffs and hills of the Guadiana Valley Nature Park, and the great Castro

Verde rolling plains for 3 days.



Blue Rock Thrush

The European warblers are much plainer than our wood warblers, but the Sardinian Warbler is striking because of the bright red eye-ring.



Eurasian Jay



European Hoopoe

After 4 days in Mertola, we finished up the trip in Algarve region, staying in Tavira. This will be covered in the final part next month.

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