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

Upcoming Events

Southern Ocean Birding Group Members, **YOU ARE INVITED!** Come visit with fellow birding friends at this potluck picnic, summer **Wing-Ding** at **Cloverdale Farm County Park in Barnegat on July 27, 6:30 to 9 p.m.** We will attract moths after the picnic, when darkness falls, on this full-moon night, with Stephen Mason, an entomologist from the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Stephen will present a very short inside program before we go back outside and view the moths. Atlantic Audubon Society is hosting this free event. RSVP to Becky Hedden at atlanticaudubonsociety@gmail.com

On July 28, Friends of Forsythe is having a talk on Beach-nesting Birds at the VIC at 1 p.m. with Jesse Amesbury of CWF of NJ. Also, the Junior Duck Stamp finalist's art is on display. Free program.

Feathers and Eggs

- There are still 2 beds available for Cape May house Sept. 24-28. Don't have to stay all 4 nights; can stay whatever works.
- Four members of the SOBG are now on the Board of Directors for Friends of the E.B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. Congrats to Susan Puder, Pete Bacinski, Alex Majewski, and Friends President Bill Harclerode. Check out their new website: FriendsofForsythe.org. And JOIN!

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.

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 3

By Susan Puder

Continuing with the April trip to Portugal, the last three days were spent in Tavira, where we explored the salt pans, marshes, pine woods of Ria Formosa Nature Park. We also took a boat ride at Olhao, visited Sagres, and Cape St. Vincent area (the most southwest point in Europe). The trip was wonderful, and I strongly urge



you to visit Portugal, not only for birds, the wine and food are great, and the people extremely friendly.



Photos: Azure-winged Magpie, Eurasian Spoonbill, Greater Flamingos, European Bee-eater, Common Shelduck, and Black-tailed Godwit.



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