



Friendly, fun, and Informative Bird Watching

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Wings Over LBI



The 10th Annual Wings Over LBI Birding Festival will be held on March 16, 2019.

The event will be filled with learning about and watching birds in action. It is suitable for the whole family and newcomers to birding.

The Science Saturday program at the Long Beach Island Foundation in Loveladies, 11:00 a.m., will be “Birding the Pine Barrens” presented by Susan Puder. There is a \$5 charge by the LBIF if you are not a member.

The free presentation at Barnegat Lighthouse State Park at 1 p.m. will be “The World of Birds Around Us in New Jersey” by Pete Bacinski. This is a program designed for the whole family featuring backyard birds and birds you can see here in NJ.

Throughout the day members of the SOBG will be along the jetty with scopes to help visitors identify the birds in and around the inlet. After the program at 1 is over, members of SOBG will lead a walk along side of the jetty for better views of eiders, scoters, harlequins, sandpipers, and maybe Snow Buntings. We usually see first of the year Piping Plovers showing up, too. Hope to see you there!

April 4 Meeting



Our next meeting is

April 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hunting Shanty of Tuckerton Seaport.

Our April meeting will be *The Peregrine Falcon Project* presented by Ben Wurst, Habitat Program Manager for Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ. They

work closely with biologists with the Endangered and Nongame Species Program to help monitor the peregrine falcon population in New Jersey.

Come and learn about how Peregrine recovery has brought the fastest animal on the planet back from near extinction in NJ and how they are being monitored in our state. A fascinating and informative program that all will enjoy.

Light refreshments will be available.

Feathers and Eggs

- If you haven't paid your dues for 2019, you can at the next meeting or mail check to: SOBG, 206 N. Frankfurt Ave, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215 (At this time, you cannot renew online—hopefully next year it will be available)

News from EB Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Forsythe Big Year



To celebrate Forsythe Refuge's 80th Anniversary, we invite you to spend 2019 pursuing, watching and counting birds and other wildlife throughout the refuge. We will have year-end awards, quarterly check-ins on Facebook, and some monthly competitions.

[Learn more about the Big Year on the refuge.](#)

Go to for more information:

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Edwin_B_Forsythe/visit/visitor_activities.html

Great Bay Blvd. Cleanup--April 13th

Join members of the SOBGB and the public for our annual Cleanup of Great Bay Blvd. This is our community service project that we have done for the past 4 years. We will meet at the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, 130 Great Bay Blvd., at 9 a.m. to get bags and grabbers before heading out in teams. We plan on finishing up around 12-1 p.m. A flyer will be sent out next week to all members. If you have any friends or family that would like to help, the more the merrier.

**2019 Juried Photographic Exhibition
Celebrating 80 years
of Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge**

Open submissions:
open to general public
Student submissions:
open to students age 22 and under

Supporting the mission of the
Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Cash Awards

Date for entries begins March 15, ends May 15

Go to <https://friendsofforsythe.org>
for fees, categories and awards information.



Friends of Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Cape May Point—Lakeside Lodge

The house is being rented from Sept. 23-27. Cost is \$70 per person per night, still a bargain as the fun we have is free. First come, first reserved! There is at least one queen bedroom and one twin room still available.



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