



# Friendly, fun, and Informative Bird Watching

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Due to the CoVid-19 emergency, we are announcing that all meetings, field trips, and events are cancelled for the foreseeable future. Some field trips may go on as we can drive individually to location and use social distancing. The Tuckerton Seaport is closed, as is Jacques Cousteau NERR, Long Beach Island Foundation, and the Visitor Information Center at E. B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. The Wildlife Drive is still open at this time to drive around the Refuge; Ocean County parks facilities are open, and you can walk around the park trails. Please use common sense, a face covering, and 'social distancing'.

## Annual Dues for 2021

Dues for 2021 can start to be paid in August, which will cover you until December 31, 2021. Singles are \$20, and couples are \$35 for the year. You can send a check, payable to Southern Ocean Birding Group, to: SOBG, c/o Jeanine Apgar, 206 N. Frankfurt Ave, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215. Or you can pay at meetings. **Online Paypal is now available for renewals, new memberships, and donations on our website.**

## Cape May House Rental Canceled for this year

## June 4, 2020 Meeting and Field trip to Lakehurst are Cancelled

**August 6 Meeting: Jesse Amsbury on the Cape May Hawkwatch.** This may be at the Hunting Shanty or online.

## Field Trips

- **July 11—SOBG Annual Picnic unsure at this point, but probably will be cancelled or postponed to a later date.**
- **August 8—Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, wildlife Drive. Meet at VIC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. This is a go.**
- **September 19—Palmyra Cove Nature Park**

## Exploring Zoom

We are currently exploring Zoom for our meetings and programs. Hoping to have one in June to catch up with everyone, and then Josh Gant can do a webinar on using eBird. We are looking into other programs that can be provided using Zoom. More information will be sent out on email to all members soon on this.

**2020 Juried Photographic  
Competition  
Celebrating E.B. Forsythe  
National Wildlife Refuge**



**Open Submissions:** Open to general public

**Student Submissions:** Open to students age 21 and under

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

**Cash Awards**

**Date for entries begins March 14, ends August 8**

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



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**The dates have been extended to August 8. Forsythe Wildlife Drive is open still, but please use common sense. Also, photos taken over the past 3 years can be entered.**



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