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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 open to drive around the Refuge, and Cedar Bonnet Island is also open; 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**



September 3, 2020 Virtual Meeting

We will have a virtual Zoom meeting on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. At that time member and president of Atlantic Audubon Society, Becky Hedden, will present a program talking about Cloverdale Farm County Park and dragonflies that are on the hunt.

Cloverdale Farm has been an operating cranberry farm since the late 1800's. Besides cranberries, the bogs are home to wildflowers, birds, and a host of other flora and fauna. Dragonflies are plentiful in the summer, and Becky will be our guide about the park and some of the dragons that can be found there.

The Zoom invitation to the program will be sent out shortly.

Field Trips

- September 19—Cape May for warblers
- October—Cape May (date/s to be determined, any day is a great day to be in Cape May in the fall)

Members Write What They Did The Summer That Wasn't

We are asking our members to send an email with one sentence to tell us what you did outside your home the summer of 2020 that was fun or interesting; doesn't have to be birdy, just something that broke the boredom of staying in the house. We'll put them into a column for next month.

E. B. Forsythe Audio Tour

There is now an audio tour that you can listen to on your phone as you take the Wildlife Drive at Forsythe. The link is:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-736657310-150626105/forsythe-nwr-wildlife-drive-audio-tour>

Webinars

Wildside Nature Tours has some interesting free webinars to view, as does Holbrooke Travel. You learn and enjoy the nature they explain. Fun thing for hot days stuck indoors.



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