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Due to the CoVid-19 emergency, events are cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Tuckerton Seaport buildings are 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 opened around the Refuge, and Cedar Bonnet Island is also open; Ocean County parks facilities are open, and you can walk around the park trails. Some are doing zoom programs, so check their websites. Please use common sense, a face covering, and 'social distancing'.

Annual Dues for 2021

Dues for 2021 are due. 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. **Online Paypal is now available for renewals, new memberships, and donations on our website.**

Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count

Clear but chilly weather greeted the 15 volunteers for the Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count this year. Morry Kapitan is working on the totals and species and will have a report at our next meeting. Thanks to all who helped this year. Great job everyone!



Friends in Southern Ocean Birding Group (group)



January 7, 2021 Virtual Meeting

We will have a virtual Zoom Meeting on January 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. The program will be "Southwest Birding Festival 2019" presented by Sue Puder. In 2019, when we could travel, Sue and Nancy Gallagher attended the Southwest Birding Festival in Sierra Vista, AZ. Over 4 days they took field trips around the area to see some of the species found in that part of the country. So, logon and enjoy the hot sunny weather of AZ from your home during this dark winter.

A Zoom invite will be sent next week. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Field Trips

- January 18—Forsythe NWR
- February--TBD

Send along any ideas you have for zoom programs for 2021.