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southernoceanbirdinggroup.org Due to Covid, all in person meetings at the Tuckerton Seaport are cancelled for the foreseeable future, but we are hoping that we can all get back together for meeting in the spring.

Annual Dues for 2022

Dues for 2022 are due from now until December 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. **Online Paypal is available for renewals, new memberships, and donations on our website.**

SOBG Holiday Party



Our thanks go to Carol and Dave Yorkanis for hosting our Annual Holiday Party in their lovely home. Great food and fun were had by all.

Field Trips

- January 22—Shark River, Northern Ponds (targets: waterfowl, gulls, alcids)



January 6, 2022 Virtual Meeting

We will have a virtual Zoom Meeting on **January 6, 2022** at 7 p.m, with a presentation on “*Greg and Pete’s Excellent Adventure to*

Colombia”, with Greg Prelich and Pet Mooney. Tune in as Greg describes a birding trip that he and Pete Mooney took to the Santa Marta region of Colombia, the country with the largest number of bird species in the world. This trip was done Pete-and-Greg-style, and we’ll see a sample of the intriguing bird families that can be found there.

A Zoom invite will be sent the end of December. In the meantime, stay safe and get vaccinated. Only vaccinated people will be allowed into indoor events.

Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count

The weather was cold and dreary, but our intrepid members and volunteers came out to do our citizen science. A further report will be in next month’s newsletter. Thanks to all who participated; you are the best!

Looking Forward to 2022

With the new year arriving before you know it, the SOBG Executive Committee has been working hard to plan for 2022. We expect that Zoom meetings will probably continue until Spring at the minimum. We are dependent on when the Tuckerton Seaport will open the Hunting Shanty. The calendar on the website has been updated.

‘Twas the Night Before Christmas

‘Twas the night before Christmas, and all through
the trees, not a creature was stirring not even the
bees.

The suet and feeders were hung on the branches with
care, in hope that the Lord God Bird would soon be
there.

The woodpeckers were all snuggled in their tree beds,
while visions of worms and grubs danced in their
heads.

When out in the wood there arose such a clatter, that
all the birds sprang awake to see what was the
matter.

Now Thrasher, Now Acorn, Now Lineated and
Pileated. On Lewis’s and Williamson’s, and Black-
backed and White-backed Ladder!

With His majestic black and white feathers and
Ivory-bill so distinct, that no one would believe that
this bird was extinct.

He swooped into view and gave out a nasal tooty
call; then he was gone saying: Merry Christmas to
All!

**We wish everyone a happy and healthy
Holiday Season**



**Friends in Southern Ocean Birding Group
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