

Southern Ocean Birding Group Activities (2016 – present)

2016 Programs and events:

Jan. 7	Birding Trinidad and Tobago (Greg Prelich)
April 7	Ospreys (Ben Wurst)
April 17	Great Bay Blvd Clean-up
March 16	Wings Over LBI: Birds of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park (Greg Prelich)
June 2	Magee Marsh
July 9	Members BBQ
Aug. 4	eBird (Alex Majewski and Greg Prelich)
Sept. 1	Raptor Workshop
Oct. 3-5	Cape May house rental
Nov. 3	Forsythe Biologist (Vinnie Turner?)
Dec. 1	Holiday Party
Dec. 18	Tuckerton CBC

2016 Field Trips:

April 23	Estel Manor County Park
May 7	Belleplain State Forest
Aug. 20	Whitesbog
Sept. 10	Cloverdale Farm County Park
Nov. 12	Cape May Hawkwatch / Avalon Seawatch

2017 Programs and events:

Jan. 5	Video about Pico Bonito
Feb. 2	Video about Alaska
March 2	Pete Bacinski
March 18	Wings Over LBI: Birds of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park (Alex Majewski)
April 23	Great Bay Blvd Clean-up
June 1	Monarch Butterflies (Mary Lenahan)
July 8	Members BBQ
Aug. 3	Pelagic Birding (Paul Guris)
Sept. 14	Raptors (Kevin Karlson)
Oct. 16-20	Cape May house rental
Nov. 2	NJ Birding History (Rick Wright)
Dec. 16	Tuckerton CBC

2017 Field Trips:

Jan. 28	Forsythe NWR
April 30	Estel Manor County Park
May 12	Allaire State Park
June 10	Brightview Farm
Aug. 13	Whitesbog
Sept. 10	Palmyra Cove

2018 Programs and events:

March 1	Woodpeckers (Pete Bacinski)
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March 17	Wings Over LBI: The Cedar Bonnet Island Project (Vinnie Turner) and Birding in NJ Through the Seasons (Sue Puder and Greg Prelich)
April 14	Great Bay Blvd Clean-up
May 3	Grassland Birds
June 7	Cape May Raptor Banding Project (Paul Napier)
July 14	Member's BBQ
Aug. 2	Where Do the Birds Go? (Jenny Uehling, Cornell)
Sept. 6	Birding Eastern Ecuador (Greg Prelich)
Sept. 13	Birds and Birding Cape May (Pat and Clay Sutton)
Oct. 4	The World Series of Birding in Ocean County (Alex Majewski)
Nov. 1	The Eagle Project (Larissa Smith from Conserve Wildlife Foundation)
Dec. 6	SOBG Holiday Party

2018 Field Trips:

April 21	Belleplain State Forest / Heislerville
May 5	Estell Manor County Park
May 20	Heislerville WMA
June 13	Lakehurst NAS
Aug. 18	Forsythe NWR
Oct. 19	Cape May Fall Birding Festival
Nov. 10	Cape May Hawkwatch and Avalon Seawatch

2019 Programs and events:

Jan. 3	Portugal, Birds, and Wildlife (Sue Puder)
Jan. 5	Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count
Feb. 7	Raptor Force video
March	Members Top Birds of 2018
March 16	Wings Over LBI The World of Birds in New Jersey and Beyond (Pete Bacinski at Barnegat Lighthouse) Birding the Pine Barrens (Sue Puder at LBIF)
April 4	Peregrine Falcon Project (Ben Wurst)
April 13	Great Bay Blvd cleanup
May 2	The Bobwhite Project
June 6	Off-shore Drilling and Testing (Alliance for a Livable Ocean)
July 13	SOBG BBQ at Nancy Lynch's house
Aug. 1	Monitoring Shorebirds on Holgate and Little Beach (Jesse Amesbury)
Sept. 5	Bass River State Forest and Barnegat Lighthouse State Park (Cynthia Coritz)
Oct. 3	JCNERR: Their Mission and Research
Nov. 7	Pinelands Protection Alliance
Dec. 5	Holiday Party
Dec. 14	Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count

2019 Field Trips:

Jan. 26	Forsythe NWR winter birds
Feb. 16	North Shore ponds from Pt. Pleasant to Shark River
April 27	Double Trouble State Park
May 4	Estel Manor (Atlantic County Park / Lenape Farms)
May 18	Heislerville / Delaware Bayshore
June	Lakehurst NAS (John Joyce picks the date)

July 8 Osprey boat trip
Aug. 24 Brig (shorebirds and more)
Sept 14 Sandy Hook
Sept. 23-27 Cape May house rental
Oct. 19 Cape May Hawkwatch and Avalon Seawatch
Nov. 9 Bonnet Island (Forsythe NWR)

2020 Programs and events: (others were cancelled due to coronavirus)

Jan. 2 movie
Feb. 6 Bird Trivia contest
March 5 Members Bird-of-the-Year Program
July 2 Using eBird (Josh Gant)
Aug. 6 The Cape May Hawkwatch (Jesse Amesbury)
Sept. 3 The Nature of Cloverdale (Becky Heddon)
Oct. 1 Rare Pinelands Species (Ryan Rebozo)
Nov. 5 Twelve Tenacious Invasives
Dec. 3 SOBG Holiday Party
Dec. 19 Tuckerton CBC

2020 Field Trips:

Jan. 25 Forsythe NWR (cancelled due to weather)
Feb. 15 GBBC Cloverdale Farm County Park
Aug. 8 Forsythe NWR
Sept. 19 Cape May Hawkwatch and environs for fall migrants
Oct. 24 Cape May Fall Festival
Nov. 21 Island Beach State Park

2021 Programs and events: (others were cancelled due to coronavirus)

Jan. 7 Southwest Birding Festival 2019 (Sue Puder)
Feb. 4 NJ Big Year 2020 with Amy Davis
March 4 Birds of the Year by members
April 1 Birding Central Florida with Greg Prelich
May 6 Carole Hughes on the NJ Audubon Birding Records Committee for 2020
June 3 The Return of the Ravens by Rick Radis
August 5 Birding Dry Tortugas National Park by Chelsea Hockenberry
Sept. 2 Bird Families of North America by Kevin Karlson
Nov 4 Birding in China and India by Chris Thomas
Dec. 1 All About Warblers by Josh Gant

2021 Field Trips:

Jan. 18 Forsythe NWR
Feb. 13 Great Backyard Bird Count -- LBI and CBI
March 20 Barnegat Inlet and Environs
April 24 Belleplain State Forest
May 15 Double Trouble State Park
May 22 Heislerville and Delaware Bayshore
June 15 Island Beach State Park
August 24 Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge
Sept 18 Palmyra Cove
Oct. 4-8 Cape May House

Nov 6 Cape May Hawk Watch and Avalon Sea Watch
Dec 18 Tuckerton CBC

2022 Programs and events

Feb. 3 Using eBird and Merlin Birding Apps by Josh Gant
March 3 Favorite Birding Moments of 2021
March 19 Wings Over LBI (Shorebirds program at Holgate)
April 7 Arizona's Most Wanted Birds by Tucson Audubon
April 9 Great Bay Boulevard Clean-up
April 22 Wine-and-cheese fundraiser for MATES scholarship
May 5 Belize Birding Adventure by Sue Puder
June 2 Attracting Birds to Your Jersey-Friendly Yard by Becky Laboy
July 9 SOBG Picnic

In-person events start again at Tuckerton Seaport

Aug. 4 Bird Trivia
Sept 1 What Bird Am I?
Oct. 6 Birding Southern Arizona by Josh Gant and Jason Nargiz
Oct. 17-21 Cape May House rental
Nov. 3 Belize Birding Adventure by Sue Puder
Dec. 1 Holiday Party
Dec. 17 Tuckerton CBC

2022 Field Trips

Jan. 22 North Shore waterfowl
Feb. 19 Great Backyard Bird Count at Brig
March 19 Wings Over LBI (Barnegat Light, Holgate, and Cedar Bonnet)
April 24 Estell Manor for spring migrants
May 15 Allaire State Park for spring migrants
May 22 Heislerville WMA and Delaware Bayshore
June 21 Lakehurst NEAS
Aug. 6 Brig Birds and Butterflies
Sept. 10 Fall migrants at Cedar Bonnet Island
Oct. 15 Cape May Fall migrants and Fall Festival
Nov. 5 Cape May Fall migrants

2023 Programs and events

Feb. 2 Members Favorite Birds of 2022
March 2 A Wild Trip from NJ to Texas Josh and Jason
April 6 Birding Garrett Mountain Reservation by Carole Hughes
May 4 Beach Nesting Birds: Horseshoe Island and Beyond by Todd Pover
June 1 Owls by Josh Gant
July 8 Picnic at Wells Mills
Sept. 7 Bird Photography by Jim Mitchell
Oct. 5 Birding Patagonia by Dave and Carol Yorkanis
Nov. 2 Video: The Secret Routes of Migratory Birds
Dec. 16 Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count

2023 Field Trips

Jan. 21 Forsythe NWR
Feb. 18 North Shore waterfowl

March 18 Wings Over LBI
April 15 Belleplain State Forest
May 6 Double Trouble State Park
May 20 Garrett Mountain (bad weather)
June 22 Lakehurst NAES (cancelled due to rain)
Sept. 9 Forsythe NWR
Sept. 30 IBSP (cancelled due to rain)
Oct. 21 Cape May
Nov. 18 Sandy Hook

2024 Programs and events

Jan. 4 Members Favorite Birds of 2023
Feb. 1 Finch Irruptions, the Winter Finch Forecast, and The Finch Research Network (FiRN) by
Matt Young
March 7 Attracting Birds to Your Jersey-Friendly Yard. Bailey Sander, Barnegat Bay Partnership
April 4 Birding at Estel Manor County Park. By Josh Gant
May 2 The Lighthouse Center for Environmental Education
June 6 Butterflying for Birders by Greg Prelich
July 13 SOBG Picnic
Sept. 5 TBD
Oct. 3 TBD

2024 Field Trips

Jan. 27 A Wild Geese Chase in Monmouth County
Feb. 24 Barnegat Lighthouse State Park
March 16 Wings Over LBI
April 20 Estel Manor County Park
May 4 Spring Birding at Double Trouble State Park
May 18 Cedar Bonnet Island / Manahawkin WMA for Spring Migrants
June 12 Lakehurst NAES
Aug. 17 Pontoon boat tour out of Tuckerton Seaport (tentative)
Sept. 8 Fall Birding at Forsythe NWR
Oct. 5 Fall Birding at Cape May Hotspots
Nov. 16 Sandy Hook
Dec. 14 Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count