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 Estell 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)

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 Heislersville 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

2025 Programs and events;

Jan. 9 Zoom: cancelled

Feb. 6 Zoom: cancelled

Feb. 26 Shared Zoom with AAS: Greg Miller’s Big Year

March 6 Member’s Favorite Birds (technical difficulties)

March 22 Clean-up for Natural Land Site program

April 3 Intro to Birding and Bird Banding: Lindsay McNamara

April 5 Clean-up at Tilton Point for Natural Land Site program

July 13 SOBG Picnic at Wells Mills

Dec. 6 SOBG Holiday Party at Harvest Buffet

Dec. 20 Tuckerton Christmas Bird Count

2025 Field Trips:

Jan. North Shore ponds

Feb. 22 Glendola Reservoir

March 15 Wings Over LBI

April 19 Estel Manor

May 3 Manasquan WMA

May 17 Cedar Bonnet Island / Manahawkin WMA

June

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Sept.

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