



Gloucester County Nature Club Monthly Newsletter

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Nature Club meetings are open to the public

September 2022



Program: Raptors and Reptiles-A Presentation with Live Animals

Presenter: Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Wenonah, NJ

(directions below)

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The Gloucester County Nature Club is pleased to begin its new year of in person programs with a live animal presentation from Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. This program is family friendly. Young people are encouraged to attend, meet and learn about some of the amazing wild creatures of New Jersey. Learn why raptors and reptiles are so well-suited to their habitats and which characteristics help them play an important role in our environment. Do these groups have similarities despite seeming so different from one another?

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is dedicated to the preservation of New Jersey's wildlife and habitats through environmental education, conservation and wildlife rehabilitation. Established as a private, non-profit organization in 1957, Cedar Run operates the region's busiest Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital, caring for over 6,000 patients annually. Cedar Run also engages in conservation efforts through environmental education and ecologically based management of our 171-acres of protected Pinelands habitats.



Directions: The Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is located just off Rt. 553 (Woodbury Glassboro Rd.) immediately south of the traffic light at Mantua Ave. The church parking lot can be accessed by entrances on either Woodbury-Glassboro Road or Lenape Trail (first left off of Mantua Ave).

Events for September 2022

The following events take place at the Scotland Run Nature Center in Clayton. For details and to register for programs, call the center at (856) 881-0845. All events are free.

- **Water Fest**, Sunday September 18, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The 25th Annual Water Fest is Gloucester County's largest environmental fair featuring live animal shows, exhibits, crafts, food, music, canoeing and kayaking, will be held this year on Sunday, September 18th. Visit the Nature Center and participate in a lake study. Marilyn Henry will be leading a bird walk that morning at 11:15 am from the beach area. Live Music throughout Water Fest will be provided by the Ian Good Trio.
 - Animal Shows: 12:00 noon, 1:30 pm, and 3:00 pm
 - Balloon Animals: 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
 - Canoeing and Kayaking: 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- **Fall Migration Bird Walks** at Scotland Run Park will be held from 8:00 to 9:30
- am on the first and third Thursdays of September and October (Sept. 1st and 15th, and October 6th and 20th). The walks are free, no registration is required, and the walks begin in the Nature Center's parking lot. Come help search for the many birds that pass through Scotland Run Park during fall migration. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars.
- **Adult Naturalist Program** at Scotland Run Park: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am. ***Pre-registration is required.*** Each session will include a presentation inside the Nature Center, as well as outdoor exploration (weather permitting). Pre-registration is required. Enrollment is limited; register today! Visit <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/1370/Adult-Naturalist-Program> for program details and registration. Topics to be covered are listed below:
 - 9/8 - Insect Migration
 - 9/22 - Mushrooms and fungi
 - 10/13 - Late season pollinator plants
 - 10/27 - Salamanders and frogs

Natural Events for the month of September

- The last brood of monarch butterflies emerges and flies south to Mexico.
- Black gum foliage turns red - first tree to get its autumn color.
- Wild grapes ripen - not all of them are sour.
- Turtle eggs hatch and hatchlings emerge and head for the nearest water.
- Robins begin to join together in large flocks
- Most hummingbirds depart by the end of the month
- Bats busy feeding – building fat reserves for hibernation and migration.
- Broad-winged hawk migration peaks in mid-month - plan a visit to a hawk lookout.

Club Notes:

- If you'd like to receive the newsletter electronically or receive more info about the club please email Karen Kravchuck at blackbirdsinging@hotmail.com or call 609-617-6693 (cell).
- The Nature Club is always looking for ideas for future programs and field trips. Please contact the program or trip coordinator if you have ideas or would like to help.
- Information for the next newsletter should be sent to Barry Bengel at sharkeyes@comcast.net or GCNC Newsletter, PO Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080 by the 20th of the preceding month.

Remember to help out the Gloucester County Nature Club



Shopping at Amazon can also benefit the Gloucester County Nature Club at **NO extra cost** to you!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. You may even use your existing Amazon.com account for your purchases.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Reminder - Membership Dues

September brings with it membership renewals. This year we will be keeping the price the same as last year. Please remember that your dues are the only costs associated with being a club member, we do not charge for any of our programs or field trips. Many organizations charge their members for each walk or activity they attend. We believe that the club is still an excellent value and hope the added cost will not deter any of our members. It is much cheaper for us to send the newsletter electronically to our members and as a result those members who choose to receive the newsletter electronically will receive a discount on their membership. The dues are \$20 for electronic mailings and \$25 for regular mail delivery. Please fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and send your renewal form and a check payable to "Gloucester County Nature Club" to: GCNC Membership, P.O. Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080.

You may also sign up and pay your membership dues electronically via PayPal. Just go to <http://gcnatureclub.org/membership.php> and fill out the online form.

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Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members or representatives shall not be liable for any injuries, loss or damage to person and/or property, direct or consequential, arising out of any trips and/or activities of the Gloucester County Nature Club. The assumption of risk, which is inherent in this type of outdoor activity, is implied on the part of each person who attends any Gloucester County Nature Club trip, and every person participating in any of said trips and/or activities assumes all risk and liability in connection therewith.

Everyone participating in any activity of the Gloucester County Nature Club will be required to read the release of liability, protecting the Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members and representatives from liability.

Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members and representatives are not in any way responsible for the personal safety of the attendees. When walking along a road, keep to the left, facing oncoming traffic and walk in a single file. When walking along trails, do not follow too closely or move too fast for your safety and for the safety of others (avoid collisions and/or whipped branches). FOLLOW THE LEADER: If you forge ahead, you may find yourself alone. Responsible adults must accompany children under the age of 16. If you expect to drop out of the group early, please inform the leader. Report to one or more of the hikers if you intend to discontinue on the route.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023

- New Member Renewal
- Paper Membership (\$25) - regular mail
- Electronic Membership (\$20) - newsletter via email; ***please provide email address below

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ ***Email Address: _____

Please note any special knowledge you would be willing to share: _____

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? If so, which committee(s): _____

Are there other ways you could participate? If so, how? _____

Would you like to give a gift membership? If so, indicate Paper ____ or Electronic ____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

A note will be sent informing them of your gift membership in the GCNC, thank you.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail completed form with payment to GCNC, PO Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080 or bring to a meeting.