



Gloucester County Nature Club Monthly Newsletter

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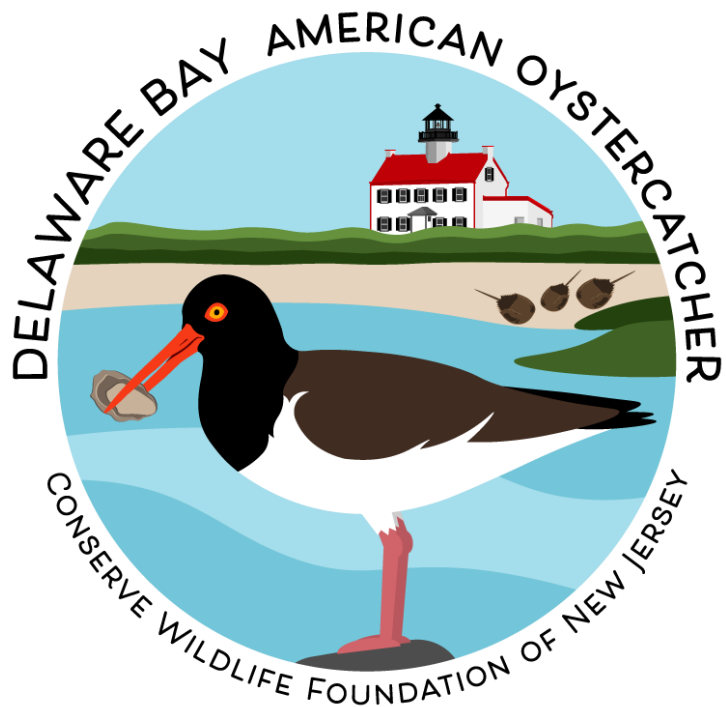
Program: Monitoring American Oystercatchers on the Delaware Bay

Presenter: Emmy Casper, Wildlife Biologist, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey

Thursday November 14, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Wenonah, NJ (directions below)

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The Delaware Bay is well-known for the spectacular concentration of horseshoe crabs and migratory shorebirds that converge on the bayshore beaches each spring. However, little is known about the activity of another Delaware Bay visitor, the eye-catching and charismatic American oystercatcher. Breeding populations of this species of special concern have been well-monitored along ocean beaches in New Jersey since 2003, but oystercatchers nesting on Delaware Bayshore beaches have been understudied...until now. Learn how biologists from Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ, The Wetlands Institute, and U.S Fish and Wildlife Service are working together to unravel the mysteries of this relatively new population. Wildlife Biologist Emmy Casper will share stories from the field and discuss how on-the-ground monitoring, trail cameras, and bird banding are all being used to learn more about the oystercatchers that call the Delaware Bay home.



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).

Tour de Natural Places of Gloucester County

November 19, 2024, Tuesday, 10am: **Malaga Lake**. 445 Malaga Park Drive, Franklin Twp. We will walk the ¾ mile nature trail. Meet at the fishing pier and canoe launch parking lot. Hosts: Sue Bergmann, Marilyn Henry. For more information see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 147-149, Location #33.

November 29, 2024, Friday, 10am: **Chestnut Branch Park**. Black Friday Gobble Wobble. County Rte. 553 Alt. (Main Street), Mantua Twp. Hosts: Marilyn Henry, Jayne Rhynard. We will see the tornado destruction. Meet at the parking in back past the butterfly garden. For more information see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 61-64, Location #15.

SAVE THE DATE! The **Audubon Christmas Bird Count** will be held on Saturday December 14. Details in December newsletter.

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.

The club would like to welcome the following new members who have joined during October:

- Heidi Congalton of Wenonah
- Manuel de la Cruz Gutierrez and Heidi Hofer of Glassboro



YOUTUBE CHANNEL: We are continuing to post recordings of recent club programs for the convenience of members and the public. To find the club's channel, use this link or search for the club's full name within YouTube. 24 videos are now available, including these recent additions:

- [Flower Flies of New Jersey](#) (May 2024)
- [How Beavers Shaped The North American Landscape](#) (October 2024)

Be sure to subscribe to the club's channel and "like" the videos so they will get recommended to more people! We will continue recording programs whenever permitted by speakers and their sponsoring organizations.