



Gloucester County Nature Club

Monthly Newsletter

November 2025

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Nature Club meetings are open to the public.

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).

Program: Bears In New Jersey

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7p.m. Presenter: Stephanie Getto



Black bears have been sighted in all 21 NJ counties; do you know what to do if you encounter a bear in the wild? You are invited to attend this program given by NJDEP Fish and Wildlife, which provides an overview of the natural history and biology of bears in the Garden State.

Our presenter Stephanie Getto will describe NJ Fish and Wildlife's extensive black bear research program, as well as how the state manages complaints from residents regarding bears. Learn practical information as well as tips for coexisting with bears so they do not become a nuisance in the neighborhood.



Tour de Natural Places:

November 18, 2025, Tuesday, 9am: **Raccoon Creek and Birch Creek Marshes**. Park and meet at the Gloucester County Dog Park on High Hill Road/Rt. 662; Logan Twp.

Hosts: Sue Bergmann, Marilyn Henry. For more information, see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 43-45; Location #11. Note: See map on page 72.

December 16, 2025, Tuesday, 9am: **Hidden Acres Township Park and Mantua Creek WMA**. East Greenwich Twp. Hidden Acres has been re-named Samuel Giordano Sr. Memorial Football Field. Enter at the sign "Football Complex". Follow the one-way signs all the way to the back of the gravel parking lot. Trail could be wet. Wear boots or old sneakers. Hosts: Sue Bergmann, Marilyn Henry. For more information, see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 51-53, Location #13. Next we will drive or carpool a short distance to Mantua Creek WMA, pages 31-32, Location #7. We will be walking in grass which could be tall.

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. 32 videos are now available, including these recent additions:



- [Reestablishing Roots in the Land of the Lenape \(September 2025\).](#)
- Red Bank Battlefield: An Unknown Story, An Opportunity (October 2025 -- *video to be released on November 11th*).

The Club would like to welcome the following new member:

- **Maria Cutitta** of Deptford Twp.

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 open to 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 Jean Block at jeanellenblock@comcast.net by the 22nd of the preceding month.

Something told the wild geese

It was time to go.

Though the fields lay golden,
Something whispered, "Snow,"
Leaves were green and stirring,

Berries luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers

Something cautioned, "Frost,"
All the sagging orchards

Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.

Something told the wild geese

It was time to fly -
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.



-- Rachel Field