

**Gloucester County Nature Club Monthly Newsletter
May 2026**



Nature Club Monthly 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).

Please note program change:

Program: Marvelous Marine Mammals In New Jersey

Thursday, May 14 7PM

Presenter: Melissa Laurino, Research Director and Master Captain, Cape May Whale Watch & Research Center and Cape May Marine Mammal Research Center



This program will focus on the bottlenose dolphins and whales that inhabit the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean off New Jersey. Using photo identification, marine mammals can be recognized by their natural markings and added to catalogs that help researchers better understand their movement patterns, migration, health and social structure. Learn how dedicated surveys and long-term monitoring efforts are being used to study them, the threats they face, as well as how responsible ecotourism supports research, education and conservation helping us better protect the marine mammals that call our region their seasonal home.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Thursday, May 14 6 PM



Gardeners get ready! Once again, it is time for our annual plant sale to be held just before the start of the regular May meeting. We hope you find “just the right plants” there to fill out your garden and buy them. The proceeds go to the club and its programs. We also hope that you will help to supply some of those “just the right plants” for other members to find. As you are out in your garden this spring, please keep an eye out for plants you can share- perennials that need dividing, volunteers in the wrong spot, extra seeds you have collected, shrubs- whatever you think someone would

enjoy planting. Don't worry about selling, just pot them and *clearly mark* them so we can keep "mystery plants" to a minimum.

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



- [Coyotes in New Jersey](#) (March 2026).
- Tiger Beetles (April 2026 – video to be released on or before May 20th).

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

- Susan Bacher of Washington Twp.
- Maria Alvino of Mullica Hill



GCNC "Tour" walk April 14 on the Nature Trail at Edelman Fossil Park and Museum. There were 16 GCNC members and friends, led by Jeff, an EFP&M staff naturalist. The trail has some pretty views of the Mantua Creek. It was 85 degrees, but we had a pleasant breeze.

Photo credit: Debbie Barsotti.