



Gloucester County Nature Club Monthly Newsletter

September 2026

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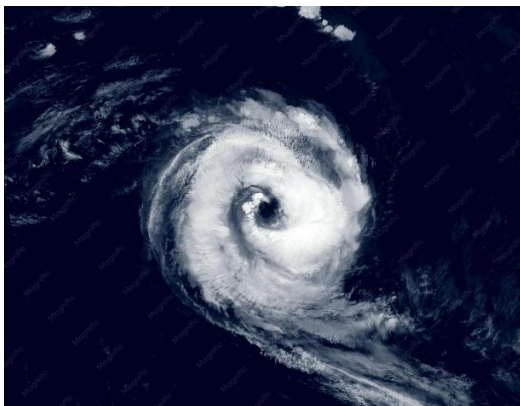
Nature club meetings are open to the public.

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).

Presentation: Thursday, September 10th 7PM

New Jersey's Changing Climate

Presenter: David Robinson, Rutgers Distinguished Professor Emeritus & NJ State Climatologist Emeritus



Within the past 15 years, New Jersey has experienced its wettest and warmest years in well over a century of observations. Warm conditions are arriving earlier in the spring and persisting into fall, extreme events, such as Ida, Sandy, and Irene appear to be becoming more common, and sea level is rising along NJ shorelines at a faster pace

than many other locations around the globe. All of this suggests that NJ's climate regime is hardly stable; it is changing. Natural variations alone cannot account for these local and global anomalies. Human influences on climate are significant, prompting discussion as to how society might mitigate or develop greater resiliency to increasing climate change. This presentation will explore the physical dimensions of the issue, both short and long term.



Tour de Natural Places of Gloucester County

Join us as we explore the natural places of Gloucester County as described in the 2020 Edition of Natural Places of Gloucester County, a publication of the Gloucester County Nature Club, as well as other nearby favorite spots. Activities may include birding, hiking, walks or ambles, or just exploring. See what we have scheduled:

September 22, 2026, Tuesday, 9AM: **Lake Narraticon Park**. Park Avenue, Woolwich Twp./Swedesboro. Meet at the parking area. The trail is about 1 mile with some hills. Host: Sue Bergmann and Marilyn Henry. For more information see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 101 – 104, Location #23.

October 13, 2026, Tuesday, 9:30AM: **Parvin State Park**. 701 Almond Road, Pittsgrove NJ 08318. Meet at the park office. We will walk the Parvin Lake Trail about 3.1 miles. Hosts: Sue Bergmann, Marilyn Henry,

November 17, 2026, Tuesday, 9AM: **Wheelabrator Wildlife Refuge**. Rte. 130, West Deptford. Meet at the parking lot. The trail out and back is about 2.5 miles. Hosts: Sue Bergmann and Marilyn Henry. For more information, see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 3-7, Location #1.

December 15, 2026, Tuesday, 9AM: **Red Bank Battlefield**. 100 Hessian Ave., National Park. Hosts: Sue Bergmann and Marilyn Henry. Meet at the parking lot. For more information, see Natural Places of Gloucester County, see pages 9-12, Location #2.

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



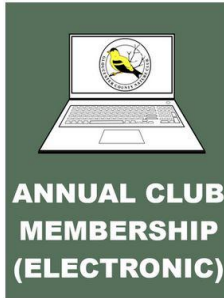
- [Tiger Beetles](#) (April 2026).
- [Marvelous Marine Mammals in New Jersey](#) (May 2026).

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

1. Anne Corcoran-Petela of Haddon Twp.
2. Samantha Lascio of West Deptford Twp.
3. Barbara Spector of Sewell
4. Kelly Holman of Medford

Reminder - Membership Dues

- September marks the beginning of a new club year including membership renewals. If you joined in May 2026 or later, you do not need to renew now.
- 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. The dues are \$20 **per household** for electronic mailings and \$25 per household for regular mail delivery. If you wish to renew through the mail or at a meeting, please fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter (mailing address is shown on the bottom).
- The \$25 postal mail option is only available for those members currently on postal memberships.
- We can send newsletters and other notices to a second email address in each household, such as a spouse, parent, or child.
- The club's website makes it easier than ever to renew your membership online. Just go to gcnatureclub.org and click "Store" in the upper-right corner. Next, scroll down a bit and click on "Annual Club Membership."



■ Annual Club Membership (Electronic)
\$20.00

After filling in the form and acknowledging the Release Statement, click “Add to Cart.” You can then click “Continue to cart” and then “Continue to payment”. The site then asks for the usual email address, phone number, mailing address, and credit/debit card info. We recommend unchecking “Square Pay”; this involves creating an account and possibly receiving marketing emails unrelated to the club. There is also a “Stay in Touch” question about receiving text messages from the club; just leave it off as we have no plan to send text messages to members. Finally click “Place order.”

Volunteer Opportunity

The club will have a table at the **West Deptford Family Fun Day** on Saturday, September 19th, 1 – 9 PM at the Riverwinds Community Center. Volunteers are needed to staff the table for a couple of hours each. No special knowledge is needed, just a desire to spread the word about everything the club does, including our meetings, field trips, books, and annual events. If interested, please contact Karen Kravchuck at blackbirdsinging@hotmail.com.

Please send all submissions to newsletter to Jean Block at jeanellenblock@comcast.net by the 22nd of the month.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026-2027

☐ New Member
☐ Renewal

☐ Electronic Membership (\$20) - newsletter via email
☐ Paper Membership (\$25) - regular mail; **ONLY FOR EXISTING POSTAL MAIL MEMBERS**

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

***Main Email Address: _____

***Second Email Address in your household (if any): _____

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?

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ Main Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Second Email Address: _____

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

RELEASE STATEMENT: Gloucester County Nature Club and/or its leaders, officers, members or representatives ("GCNC") shall not be liable for any injuries, loss or damage to person and/or property, direct or consequential, arising out of any GCNC event, trips and/or activities (together "Activity"). The assumption of risk, which is inherent in this type of outdoor activity, is implied on the part of each person who attends or participates in any Activity and every person participating in any Activity assumes all risk and liability in connection therewith. GCNC is not in any way responsible for the personal safety of the attendees. Responsible adults must accompany and control children under the age of 16. Please use common sense and be courteous (avoid collisions or whipped branches) to your fellow participants. You acknowledge that GCNC may take videos, photos or otherwise record images of persons participating in Activities to use online or in other media to promote the club.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE RELEASE STATEMENT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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