

# Gloucester County Nature Club

## Programs & Events

Our programs are always free and open to the public.

**Special Events marked ♦**

**Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026 -7:00 PM: [New Jersey's Changing Climate](#)**

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

Come learn the fundamentals of New Jersey's weather/climate system. Gain an understanding of how and why changes are underway and what the future may hold for NJ temperature, precipitation, sea level, and storm regimes.

**Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 -7:00 PM: [It's the Berries - Cranberry Farming in NJ](#)**

**Presenter: Peter Oudemans, Plant Biology & Pathology Prof., Rutgers Univ. & Director, PE Marucci Center for Blueberry, Cranberry Research & Extension**

An iconic part of fall holiday meals, a native plant with health benefits & harvested like no other, learn how cranberries fit into NJ's history, economy and the challenges our farmers are facing with climate change & other environmental factors as well as in business.

**♦Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026: [The Mad Hatter's Tree Party](#)**

We invite children of all ages to celebrate our woodlands with the Mad Hatter, himself. Co-sponsored with the Wenonah Environmental Commission. Details will be @ gcnatureclub.org

**Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026 -7:00 PM: [Swamp Pink and Rare Plants of South Jersey](#)**

**Presenter: Michael Hogan**

Renowned for intimate knowledge of South Jersey & the pinelands, Michael will bring a live swamp pink and fabulous photos to show & tell you about our precious resources, in our county and elsewhere, what is threatening their health, being done to protect them and how you can help.

**Thursday, Dec. 10, 2026 -7:00 PM: [Grapes & Wine in NJ](#)**

**Presenter: Gary Pavlis, County Extension Dept. Head and Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, Marucci Center for Cranberry & Blueberry Research**

The wine industry in NJ has blossomed in large part due to our presenter. Dr. Pavlis will spin the story of how this industry grew and why it has been a success.

**♦Saturday, Dec. 19, 2026: [Audubon Christmas Bird Count](#)**

Join us as part of this 126 year old national event - feeder watching or outdoors - in the Northwestern Gloucester Co. Count Circle. Details will be @ gcnatureclub.org

**Thursday, Jan. 14, 2027 -7:00 PM: [Shared Nature & Culture of Panama & Costa Rica](#)**

**Presenters: Bob & Debbie Barsotti**

"Must-see" highlights in Panama & Costa Rica include hummingbirds, howler monkeys, sloths, dolphins & the engineering marvel of the Panama Canal. Hear about over-and-under-the-canopies adventures in the region's diverse landscape and successes in balancing natural treasures while preserving local and indigenous communities' cultures.

**Thursday, Feb. 11, 2027 -6:00 PM: [Annual Pot Luck Dinner](#)**

**Activity: To be announced.**

**Thursday, Mar. 11, 2027 -7:00 PM: [The Stinky Flying Cow Bird, and Other Tales from the Plant World](#)**

**Presenter: Shujaath Mehdi**

This program features engaging plant-related topics, including: what airborne Pollen DNA tells us about biodiversity; how tree bark microbes affect climate; and the relation of tree & plant shapes to the beautiful geometry of fractals. Intrigued? Come & find out what bird eats leaves & smells like manure!

**Thursday, Apr 8, 2027 -7:00 PM: [Orniththerapy – The Power of Birding](#)**

**Presenter: Holly Merker, Orniththerapy and Nature-based Wellness Specialist; Owner, Orniththerapy & Nature-based Wellness LLC**

This award-winning author, podcaster, mindfulness meditation teacher, bird conservationist and certified nature & forest therapy guide will explore the connection between birds, nature and human well-being, including scientific research suggesting positive impacts on health and well-being & her personal story of healing.

**♦Saturday, May 1, 2027: [Bird Quest 7:00 AM-Noon with Picnic following](#)**

Join us in this fun and educational birding event for families, young people and birders of all skill levels. Details will be @ gcnatureclub.org

**Thursday, May 13, 2027 - 6:00 PM [Annual Plant Sale](#) - 7:00 PM [Mickleton Park: A Project in Environmental Education and Restoration](#)**

**Presenter: Lucy Hooper**

Mickleton Park has been the recipient of 7 grants since 2021. Learn how these grants were used to increase the park's biodiversity through native plantings and provide visitors an opportunity to engage with and learn about the natural world.

**Thursday, Jun. 10, 2027 - 6:00 PM: [GCNC Annual Picnic](#)**

**Location: TBD.** The annual club picnic followed by a guided nature walk.

**♦Saturday, Jun. 26, 2027, Rain Date Jun. 27: [The South Jersey Firefly Festival](#)**

**Location: Tall Pines State Preserve**

An enchanting and educational evening celebration of these bioluminescent insects that illuminate our summer nights and inhabit our childhood memories. Details will be @ gcnatureclub.org

## GCNC meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, September through June at 7 PM.

**Location: The Holy Nativity Lutheran Church  
3 Lenape Trail  
Wenonah, NJ 08090**

## Field Trips

The Gloucester County Nature Club hosts a variety of field trips throughout the year. These trips are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. We seek to get people out to enjoy, explore and learn about the places we visit. Topics and location vary. Some are very local and others a bit of a drive. Past trips have focused on birds, horseshoe crabs, butterflies, trees, wildflowers, geology, the moon and many other aspects of natural history. Some are hikes to enjoy whatever the season has to offer. We also offer special family friendly walks. Find upcoming trip descriptions, dates and information on our website by clicking on Events and the most up-to-date information, including real time cancellation notices due to weather, on our MeetUp Site using the QR code below.



You can also reach our website, [www.gcncnatureclub.org](http://www.gcncnatureclub.org) by using the following QR code.



Established in 1949, the Gloucester County Nature Club (GCNC) was started by a small group of Gloucester County residents with a common interest in the natural world. GCNC is a local IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with no paid staff which strives to promote sound conservation practices and to educate others in the community about nature and the environment.

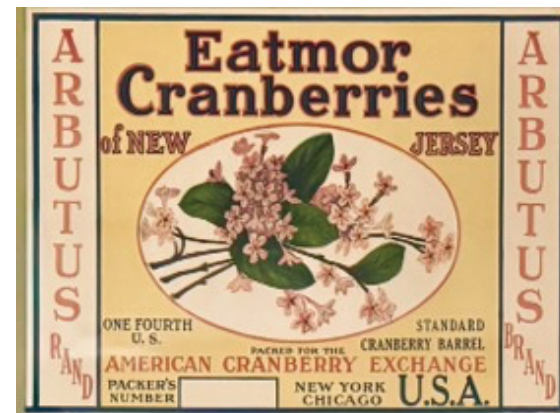


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September 2026 - June 2027



Exploring Special Places



Cranberries



Stinky Birds

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