



## BIRDING PROGRAMS

The Delaware Nature Society offers a variety of birding programs, trips, and much more! Visit [www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) to see a full listing of our January – April programs and to sign up for one of the featured birding programs or trips below. All programs meet at the Ashland Nature Center unless otherwise indicated. Directions are located on our website. We look forward to birding with you!



### **FREE BIRDING PROGRAMS**

#### **Sunday & Monday Morning Birding at the Bucktoe Creek Preserve,**

8 am (walk lasts about 2 hrs.)

Leader: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Join local birders on a walk through forests, meadows, thickets and marsh in search of migrant, wintering and resident birds. All skill levels welcome. Meet at Bucktoe Creek Preserve

#### **Thursday Morning Birding at Ashland, February – May, 8 – 9:30 am**

Leader: Delaware Nature Society staff and Volunteers

Join us on a weekly walk through meadows, forests, thickets, and marsh in search of migrant, wintering and resident birds. Learn about the wildflowers, amphibians, mammals, trees and more.

**Breakfast & Birding at Coverdale Farm, Friday, January 15, 8 - 11 am, Member/Non-Member: \$15/\$22**

Leaders: Joe Sebastiani and Michele Wales

Enjoy a delicious and healthy breakfast including Coverdale Farm chicken eggs, then head out to search for wintering birds of Coverdale Farm and the Burrows Run Preserve. Meet at Coverdale Farm.

**Breakfast & the Great Backyard Bird Count, Fri., Feb. 12, 8 - 11 am, Member/Non-Member: \$15/\$22**

Leaders: Joe Sebastiani, Derek Stoner and Jim White

Enjoy a home-cooked breakfast at Ashland Nature Center, then venture onto the trails to record birds for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

**Owls and Other Winter Raptors, Sunday, February 14, 8 am – 7 pm, Member/Non-Member: \$30/\$45**

Leader: Jim White

Search for many of the eight species of owls and other birds of prey that can be found throughout the tri-state area, including Great Horned, Eastern Screech, Barn, Short-eared and even Snowy Owls!

**Delaware Duck Day, Sunday, March 7, 7:30 am - 7:30 pm, Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$30**

Leader: Derek Stoner

Help us find over 25 species of ducks in one day. Search Delaware hot spots for great views of sea, puddle, diving, and perching ducks and more.

*(Over, Please)*

**Wine and Woodcocks**, Session 1: Monday, March, 8, 5:30 - 8 pm; Session 2: Monday, March 15\* 6:45 - 8:30pm, Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$30

Leaders: Joe Sebastiani and Mike Riska

Travel to “Peent”sylvania for the male woodcock’s spring ritual. He “peeents”, spirals high into the sky, and creates a zinging, trilling sound with his wings. Enjoy dessert and wine to toast emerging signs of spring. \*If no Woodcocks display on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Chester County Waterfowl Tour**, Wednesday, March 10, 9 am – 3 pm, Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$30

Leader: Joe Sebastiani

Search for diving ducks like Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Redhead and Scaup in lakes, and dabbling ducks in ponds as we tour Chester County. Enjoy traveling back roads scanning the sky for hawks and more.

**Friday Spring Migration Birding Series**, Fridays, 8 - 11 am, Member/Non-Member: \$60/\$90

Shadowbrook Estate – March 12, Burrows Run Preserve – March 19,

Middle Run Natural Area – March 26, Winterthur – April 16

Wyndmere Estate Wildlife Sanctuary – April 23, Flint Woods Preserve – April 30

Leaders: Joe Sebastiani and Derek Stoner

Visit 6 locations to look for migratory birds at some of the most scenic locations in our area. All skill levels are welcome. Directions will be sent upon registration.

## TRAVEL WITH DNS!

**Crane Migration on the Platte River - Chickens on the Prairies**, Tues., March 23 – Sat., March 27

Member/Non-Member: \$980/\$1035 (based on double-occupancy; airfare not included)

Leader: Joe Sebastiani

See one of the greatest wildlife spectacles in North America as half-a-million Sandhill Cranes converge on the Platte River of Nebraska. See the amazing mating displays of Greater Prairie-chicken and Sharp-tailed Grouse on their leks in the Sandhill region.

**Trinidad: Featuring Nesting Leatherback Sea Turtles and Tropical Birds**, Fri. June 11 – Fri., June 18

Member/Non-Member: \$1,699/\$1,754 (airfare excluded)

Host: Jason Beale

Witness the nesting spectacle of the endangered leatherback sea turtle. From Caribbean beaches to the Caroni Mangrove Swamp, Aripo Savannah and Dunstan Cave, see a wide range of tropical ecosystems and over 150 species of birds!

**Ridges, Valleys and Raptors**, Fri., March 5 – Sun., March 7

Member/Non-Member: \$175/\$230

Leaders: Joe Sebastiani and Jason Beale

Explore central Pennsylvania’s diverse ridge and valley province. See towering virgin eastern hemlocks in Alan Seeger Natural Area, wander through Bear Meadows Natural Area, see the Golden Eagle migration at Tussey Mountain, and visit other central PA natural areas.



*Photos by Joe Sebastiani*