



Membership Opportunities

A member fee of \$10.00 per youth birder is valid for a school year membership (September through August). For families with three or more children, a family membership is offered for \$30.00. All memberships also include a membership in the Delmarva Ornithological Society and will receive their monthly newsletter, *The Flyer*, and a membership card.

For more information contact: Derek Stoner at 302-893-8426 or derekstoner@hotmail.com. You can also print out an on-line membership application form: www.dosbirds.org

Delaware Dunlins

Youth Birders Club



What We Do

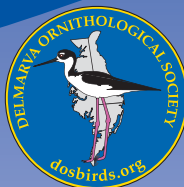
- * We go bird watching
- * Get outside and enjoy nature
- * Improve observation skills
- * Learn together and share outdoor experiences
- * Contribute to conservation efforts
- * We have fun!

Who Can Participate?

School-age children (ages 6 to 18) are eligible to participate in this club. Adult family members are strongly encouraged to accompany children involved in club activities. *The success of this club is built upon the support of adults participating along with youth.*

Club Leaders

Delmarva Ornithological Society Council members Derek Stoner, Bill Stewart and Judy Montgomery will lead club activities. All three are enthusiastic “veteran” birders and experienced educators. Program instructors will also include professional wildlife managers, guest experts and authors.



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Seeing a Bald Eagle soar, watching fifty thousand Snow Geese spiral from the sky, or witnessing a hummingbird hover like a helicopter are special moments that leave lasting impressions.



Who Are We?

The Delaware Dunlins Youth Birders Club is a group of school-aged young people who enjoy the excitement and experience of watching birds.

The club is sponsored and supported by the Delmarva Ornithological Society, a regional birding club dedicated to the study and appreciation of birdlife on the Delmarva Peninsula.

What are Dunlins?

Dunlins are shorebirds that gather in large flocks on mudflats and feed along the edge of water. The Delaware Bay is a globally important location for Dunlins to find food during their long Spring and Fall migrations.

Why Go Birding?

Birding is an exciting and entertaining outdoor activity. By watching birds, we see amazing behaviors and events that connect us to the natural world. Learning about birds and sharing the outdoor experience with friends are important aspects of birding.

Field Trips and Activities

An exciting schedule of bird-related opportunities will be available throughout the calendar year. Activities are planned to take best advantage of the abundance and movements of birds through the seasons. Participants will meet field trip leaders at specified locations and are responsible for transportation.

SEPTEMBER: Flights of Fall

Discover the wide variety of birds to be found in September, from warblers to swallows to shorebirds. Explore our state wildlife areas, practice using binoculars, and create a notebook to keep track of your sightings! Learn about the migration destinations of these birds and how they travel such amazing distances.

OCTOBER: Raptors on the Move

Focus on raptors at one of Delaware's Hawk Watch sites: Ashland or Cape Henlopen. Watch for hawks, eagles, falcons and many other birds moving through on Fall migration. Help count the raptors for science!

NOVEMBER: Wonders of Waterfowl

Waterfowl are arriving in Delaware's wetlands! Visit Delaware's refuges at the peak of waterfowl migration. Go on a Photo Safari to look for Canada Geese, Snow Geese, Gadwall, Mallard, Black Duck, Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal and other wintering waterfowl. Practice using spotting scopes and bring your digital camera!

DECEMBER: Christmas Bird Counts

Participate in a Christmas Count – the longest running wildlife survey in America! Club Leaders will help members select and volunteer for survey areas and keep the 100 year tradition of counting birds alive in Delaware!

JANUARY: Eagle Extravaganza

When the weather is cold, the birding is hot at special places like Conowingo Dam. At this location on the Susquehanna River, dozens of Bald Eagles gather each winter to feed on fish. Enjoy up-close looks at our national symbol!

FEBRUARY: Blizzard on the Bay

Ready to see a swirling blizzard of Snow Geese? Don't miss one of Delaware's natural spectacles! Snow Geese winter here by the thousands, but head north to nest in the Arctic each spring. Catch the show in the marshes along the Delaware Bay.

MARCH: Boxes for the Birds

Put your craftsmanship skills to the test and help build bird boxes. Using simple hand tools, create a basic nesting structure to attract House Wrens, Tree Swallows, Carolina Chickadees, or maybe even Bluebirds! Let's help the birds find a new home.

APRIL: Conservation Is Cool

Birds need our help! We will choose a conservation activity we can do to benefit birds, such as planting trees, cleaning up wetlands or checking nest boxes. Make a difference for birds while also having fun. Meet with land managers to learn how habitat can be improved to benefit birds and other wildlife.

MAY: Major May Migration

The month of May is one that birders wait for all year long. Thousands of birds are on the move, heading north to breeding grounds or settling into our local habitats. Bright-colored warblers, orioles, hummingbirds, and many other songbirds are on the move. Join in a special event, the Delaware Bird-A-Thon, which raises funds to protect birds and bird habitat.

For current field trip calendar please visit the Youth Birders section of www.dosbirds.org