**The Birds of the World**
(All Ages, 10 years and older with parent)
One of the greatest joys of birding is seeing beautiful jays, cardinals, chickadees, and goldfinches right in your backyard. However, there are over 10,000 spectacular bird species found throughout the world. Over the next several months we will be learning about each and every bird family in taxonomic order. The lectures will cover a few new families at a time and will introduce their life histories, ranges, descriptions, and interesting facts. Each presentation will provide you with a new appreciation for the world of birds!

Pre-registration is not required. Check our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/EECscparks/) for any changes or cancellations to the programs.

**FREE**

7:00pm-8:30pm

**Friday, February 28:** Ostriches, Kiwis, and Friends

**Friday, March 6:** Pheasants, Quail, Ducks, Flamingos, and Friends

**Friday, March 13:** Hummingbirds, Swifts, and Friends

**Friday, March 27:** Cuckoos, Rails, Cranes, and Friends

**Friday, April 3:** Shorebirds, Gulls, Terns, Auks, and Friends

**Friday, April 17:** Penguins, Albatross, Boobies, and Friends

**Friday, May 1:** Hawks, Owls, Trogons, Hornbills, and Friends

**Friday, May 15:** Kingfishers, Toucans, Woodpeckers, and Friends

**Friday, May 29:** Falcons, Parrots, and Friends

*Programs will continue in the summer and fall of 2020.*

**CANCELLATIONS:** The Environmental Education Center will refund program registration fees if notified a minimum of seven days prior to the start of the program.

**REGISTRATION:** For more information or to register for any of these programs, please call the Environmental Education Center at 908 722-1200 ext. 5002 or visit our website www.somersetcountyparks.org.

If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call is 908-722-1200 ext. 5324 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable modifications. Three weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate modifications can be provided.

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Join Somerset County Naturalists on this exciting series of birdwatching day trips to tri-state area locations. Van transportation, admission fees, and all interpretation included. Please book early, as these limited-space trips fill quickly! Registration will begin Wednesday, January 15.

The North Shore Tour
(Adult)
If you love birding along the Jersey Shore, then join us for a day you will never forget! Depending on where the birds are, we might visit the Shark River estuary, the Manasquan River, Spring Lake, Wreck Pond, and/or Lake Como. All of these places are great for viewing thousands of winter waterfowl. Bring binoculars, lunch, and bundle up!
$50 per adult/$40 per senior
Course Code: 51198
EEC-19 Tuesday, February 4
8:30am-5:30pm

Shawangunk Grassland Birding
(Adult)
Join us as we explore the Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge for wintering raptors such as Northern harriers and Short-eared owls. The 566-acre refuge is located near the hamlet of Wallkill, New York. This exceptional grassland habitat was formerly the Galeville Military Airport. Please bring binoculars, a bag dinner, and bundle up!
$50 per adult/$40 per senior
Course Code: 51725
EEC-03 Wednesday, February 26
2:00pm-9:00pm

Birding at Middle Creek
(Adult)
Middle Creek PA Wildlife Management Area, located in the heartland of southeast Pennsylvania, is a popular birding destination. This 6,254-acre facility is particularly noted for the thousands upon thousands of ducks, geese, and swans that drop in during spring migration. We will spend the day exploring the area by van and foot. Bring binoculars, lunch, and bundle up!
$50 per adult/$40 per senior
Course Code: 51689
EEC-5 Wednesday, March 11
9:00am-7:30pm

Birding Seminar: Birding by Ear
(All Ages, 8 years and older with parent)
A continuation of our seminar series, this program will focus on bird songs, bird calls, and how to identify local species by sound. If time and weather permits, we may take a short hike.
$10 per person
Course Code: 51832
EEC-04 Saturday, April 11
1:00pm-2:30pm

Jamaica Bay, Mon
(Adult)
Join us for a day of birding in and around the Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge, part of Gateway National Recreation Area in Brooklyn, NY. This urban wildlife refuge is well known as a prime birding spot. Some places we will visit include: East Pond, Jacob Riis Park, Fort Tilden, Canarsie Pier, Plumb Beach, and possibly Greenwood Cemetery for Monk parakeets. Please bring lunch, binoculars, and money for dinner.
$65 per person
Course Code: 51296
EEC-8 Tuesday, April 21
8:30am-8:30pm

Saturday Bird Walks
(All Ages)
Spring has arrived and so has our spring Saturday Bird Walks. Join a Naturalist on a stroll around our grounds looking for the plethora of migrants that pass through our area this time of year. Immerse yourself in the sounds and colors that make spring the best time to be out birding. Pre-registration is not required. Check our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/EECscparks/) for any changes or cancellations to the programs. Please wear boots, as springtime in the swamp can be muddy.
FREE
Saturdays, April 25 and May 2, 16, and 23, 6:00am-9:00am

Birding Identification Workshops: Warblers
(All Ages, 8 years and older with parent)
A continuation of our birding identification series, this program will take a look at the northeastern United States’ most iconic group of birds, the warblers! We have close to 30 different warbler species in our area and each one is just as pretty as the next.
$10 per person
Course Code: 51822
EEC-14 Saturday, May 2
1:00pm-2:30pm

Garret Mountain
(Adult)
Can you believe that such a fantastic birding spot is located in Paterson, NJ? Spend the morning roaming and birding around Garrett Mountain Reservation. If time permits, we may visit the majestic Great Falls waterfall. Bring lunch, binoculars, and dress for the weather.
$50 per adult/$40 per senior
Course Code: 51691
EEC-7 Tuesday, May 5
6:00am-Noon

South Jersey Breeders
(Adult)
Every birder knows about Cape May, but southern Jersey birding has much more to offer. Late May offers the chance to see some specialty southern breeders such as Yellow-throated Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, and Summer Tanager. We will also stop by the bayshore to search for shorebirds! Make sure to bring binoculars, lunch, bug spray, and sunscreen!
$65 per adult/$55 per senior
Course Code: 51800
EEC-02 Tuesday, May 19
5:00am-7:00pm