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## CHRISTMAS COUNTS

We birders have lots of opportunities in the bleak mid-winter to get out and bird — and to potentially help the birds we watch in the process. By contributing time to Christmas counts, we can help to document trends in winter bird populations throughout our region. Birders of all skill levels are welcome — contact the listed compilers to find out where to you can help.

### Friday, December 18

- New Jersey Pelagic Count - Alan Brady, 215-598-7856 (\$50 fee for boat — send check to Alan Brady, PO Box 103, Wycombe PA 18980)
- Western Gloucester, NJ — Bob Cassell, 609-478-2496

### Saturday, December 19

- Delaware County - Skip Conant, 610-544-0871; Nick Pulcinella, 610-583-3201 [NPulcinella@aol.com]
- Elkton, MD — Joel Citron, 302-475-8773
- Oceanville — Brian Moscatello, 201-871-6093 (h) or 201-568-6093 (w) [bmoscat@ix.netcom.com]
- Southern Bucks, PA — Bob Mercer, 215-785-1177
- Wyncote, PA — Martin Selzer, 215-233-9090 (evenings)

### Sunday, December 20

- Cape May, NJ - Louise Zemaitis, 609-898-9578 [obrienm@algorithms.com]
- Middletown, DE — Bruce Lantz, 302-836-0487
- Pinelands, NJ — Bob Confer, 609-859-2973 [rjconfer@prodigy.net]
- Salem, NJ — Jerry Haag, 609-358-3039 [haagj@algorithms.com]
- Upper Bucks-Montgomery County - Hart Rufe, 215-257-8677 [wrufe@tradenet.net]

### Saturday, December 26

- Elverson, PA — Bob Cook, 610-286-9919 [dunlin50@aol.com]
- Seaford, DE — Bill Fintel, 302-645-5561 or 302-645-8643
- Valley Forge, PA — Tony Fernandez, 610-647-7868
- Wilmington, DE — Howard Brokaw, 302-655-8076

### Sunday, December 27

- Belleplain, NJ - Paul Kosten, 609-861-5827
- Bombay Hook, DE — Andy Ednie, 302-792-9591
- Central Bucks, PA — Ken Kitson, 610-847-2968
- Moorestown, NJ — Tom Bailey, 609-426-4727 [hanrac@aosi.com]

### Wednesday, December 30

- Elmer, NJ — Jerry Haag, 609-358-3039 [haagj@algorithms.com]

### Saturday, January 2

- Rehoboth Beach, DE — Joe Swertinski, 302-292-1592 [Swertinski.J@christianacare.org] Note that a cabin is

rented for those who want to participate in both this count and the Cape Henlopen, DE count.

### Sunday, January 3

- Cape Henlopen, DE — Meta Little, 302-368-3472
- Cumberland County, NJ - Clay Sutton, 609-465-3397

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Upcoming Programs

- **December 17 - South Seas Pelagic.** The DVOC's Alan Brady spent several weeks this fall on a pelagic trip from the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa to the Falkland Islands off the coast of South America. Tonight, he tells us about that adventure.
- **January 7 - Annual Meeting.** Come hear what was seen on various Christmas counts, and vote for new officers. Refreshments will be served.
- **January 21 - Birds of New Jersey,** presented by guest speaker Jerry Bailey.
- **February 4 - Churchill.** The DVOC's own John Miller presents a talk on the birds of this famous far-northern spot.
- **February 18 - Workshop: Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee.** The DVOC's Ted Floyd introduces us to this committee and its important work.

### Upcoming Field Trips

- **January 9** - Florence, N.J. for the gull extravaganza. Call Ward Dasey at 609/953-1685.
- **January 16, 17 & 18** - Montauk (Long Island), N.Y. for exciting winter birding - eiders, scoters and alcids. Call Erica Brendel at 215/844-3456 or Chris Walters at 215/642-6862 for more details or to sign up. Space is limited due to lodging constraints — first come, first served!
- **February 21** - Pelagic out of Cape May NJ on the Miss Chris with leader Paul Guris, looking for alcids, skuas and fulmars. 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Captain Fred Ascoli at 609/884-3939 or Paul Guris at 215/234-8557 for more information or to sign up.

### MORE COMING SOON

a full-length newsletter is coming in January...