

CU FishHawks

Need Your Support!



Please contribute to further conservation, advocacy, and outreach in South Jersey!

THE TEAM

This year we once again had a top-notch team of experts, with Mary Watkins returning as our captain. Joined by Anthony Klock, Kathy Michel, and James Blumstein.

What is the World Series of Birding?

The World Series of Birding is the most famous birding competition in the world, and it takes place right here in New Jersey. The object of the competition is to identify the highest number of species in a 24-hour time period. The competition begins at midnight on a Friday evening and ends 24 hours later.

The event is held at the height of spring migration. Year-round birds and spring migrants are the likely targets, as birds that only winter here have moved on. Members

of the team must confirm sightings or songs with their other teammates and for a tally.

Your Support Helps CU Maurice River

At CU Maurice River we have had a team every year since 2012. The dollars raised by our Fish Hawks go toward our avian projects and nature awareness. For example, for 33 years we have supported a study involving a survey of waterfowl and raptors on the Maurice River. More recently it has expanded to include shorebird activity at the mouth of the river. In addition, our Director of Wildlife Management, Allen Jackson, has partnered with the NJ Bluebird Association and Purple Martin Society such that over 8,000 chicks are reared in local martin gourds, and bluebirds fledged last year exceeded 3,600! We also have an osprey platform colony that we manage, with nearly 100 chicks fledging last year from those structures. At WheatonArts we have been conducting projects to heighten visitors' awareness about nesting box programs and overall backyard stewardship. So these dollars are crucial to our programing at CU.

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