



NEW LOGISTICS NOTES AS OF MAY 11TH

1. In West Cape May: Broadway will be fully open on Saturday. Construction will commence again on Monday.
2. Pond Creek Marsh is open to foot traffic. Please just be mindful of construction equipment and avoid any active construction. There will likely be trucks in and out of there all weekend!
3. No change on Beach Plum Farm at this point; just waiting on 100% clearance confirmation. As of now, we have access after-hours starting today, using the gate code "1816" assuming it's closed, otherwise the gate should be open. There will be a farm-to-table dinner on Saturday night so WSB participants entering on Sat night should park outside the gate and walk in, and be respectful of the people dining (go straight back to the marsh). Those visiting during the day, especially when scouting, should patronize the farm stand inside and show love for BPF's efforts to conserve important habitat!
4. David La Puma is still waiting on clarity regarding the RX burn scheduled for Great Swamp NWR on Friday which might affect closures Fri night and Sat. Will hopefully have more info by tonight.

Great Swamp Update:

1. There will be NO BURN at Great Swamp.
2. New codes for gates: North Gate = 0125; South Gate and WFC Gate = 2049

Old Logistics Notes as of May 1st

See updates in PURPLE font

We're looking forward to May 12th and another exciting World Series of Birding!

Thanks to all for getting your payments and team registrations finished. We're feeling as though there might be a few more team members to sign up. Obviously, names cannot appear in the program at the awards brunch if we don't have them! Stop by and see us while you are scouting during the week. There will be light refreshments and beverages available at Northwood and at the Center for Research and Education.

Here are some important notes:

The WSB Phone App for Submitting Your List

All team captains should have received a link and instructions for the phone app in an email. If you have not received that email, please contact Lillian immediately. Please practice using the phone app in advance of the event.

New Tip: You must completely remove the old app from your phone. iPhone users can only use Safari to load the app.

For the best results, you should input your birds throughout the day so the app is syncing throughout the day. Your end-of-day sync could take as much as 10 minutes, so plan accordingly.

You must “untoggle” any of your practice birds manually before you start your official list on May 12th. The lists cannot be swept clean by anyone but you. And thanks to everyone for your patience in downloading and getting to know the app.

Remember, you cannot win an award if you use a paper checklist.

If you **MUST** submit your list on paper, please scan it or take a photograph of it and email it to wsb@njaudubon.org. If using a photo, make sure it is well lighted and readable. There is no fax capability.

Take Every Precaution for Ticks

It goes without saying, but we’re saying it anyway. The ticks are kind of incredible this time of year.

Belleplaine State Forest Bathroom Access

Our friends at Belleplaine have asked that birders steer clear of active campsites and avoid using the bathrooms that are amidst active campsites. Their preference is for using the bathrooms on the far side of Lake Nummy at the “Concession Stand,” which are singles – one men’s and one women’s. The park office will open early at 7:30 am and it has multiple stalls for men and women. If you **MUST** use campsite bathrooms, make it quick and ssshhhh!

Both the The Finish Line and the Awards Brunch will take place at The Grand Hotel in Cape May, 1045 Beach Ave. GPS: 38.932564, -74.907965. We will be set up at about 6:00 pm and food will be available starting at about 7:00 pm, perhaps earlier if there is foul weather. We will be in the main floor ballroom.

Doors open for the Awards Brunch at 9:00 am and remarks will begin promptly at 10:00 am. During the awards ceremony, teams are asked to assign one team member to make remarks, and the remarks must be limited to a maximum of two minutes. This will allow time for more teams to share their stories. Rather than thanking people, we suggest a quick story about your day, let us know how many times the team has done the WSB, etc. You can thank folks later!

Also, t-shirts will be available at the Finish Line and at the Awards Brunch. If a t-shirt is included in your registration, your name will be on a list in either place. T-shirts will be for sale for \$20 for all others.

Swap Meets: Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm

We are looking for someone to host The Northern Swap meet and send us the list. It would take place at the usual spot, the Jumboland Diner 438 US-206, Branchville, NJ 07826. Please contact Lillian Armstrong immediately if you are willing to play the point on this.

Lillian.armstrong@njudubon.org and 609-400-3844.

The Southern Swap meet will take place at New Jersey Audubon's Center for Research and Education, 600 Rt. 47 North, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. In addition, WSB veteran, and NJ State Big Year record-holder, Tom Reed, will be available from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm to help any teams finalize their routes based on the forecasted winds, weather and tides. Don't miss this chance! Results from both swap meets will be posted on the Worldseriesofbirding.org home page as soon as possible after the meeting.

The WSB What's App for Sharing Sightings

You are encouraged to SHARE before and during the WSB!

We have set up a group on WhatsApp for sharing sightings leading up to and during the WSB, which will be the preferred method of sharing for the event. Steps to being added to the group:

1. Download and install WhatsApp Messenger on your smartphone
2. Open WhatsApp for the first time to register your phone number in the system
3. Open THIS document on your smartphone
4. Click the link below on THIS document

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/J8jsvjJozrqEmOAzWciwaK>

The Official 2018 WSB Facebook Event Page

You can also share your stories and sightings on our Facebook Event Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1622374204515490/>

Great Swamp Access

Please note, Great Swamp will be open to those with Special Use Permits from dusk on May 11th to dusk on May 12th. For all the details associated with Great Swamp access, please visit our Rules page, or click [here](#).

Audio Recordings

We have had some questions about the use of audio recordings and enhanced audio devices. **Teams can use whatever methods they wish while scouting** to hone their skills and plan their routes. **However, audio recordings of any kind may not be used to make an ID on the Big Day.** ID must be made by natural ear (hearing aids OK) and agreed upon by all team members. If desired, a team can then compare their identification with a recording on a phone app for confirmation. If the recording confirms the ID, great. If not, the bird should be removed from the list. So, to take an extremely hypothetical example, it would be against the rules to hang your phone out the window and make a recording of a dawn chorus somewhere, then go

back to the car and listen to it and identify and count the birds. That is certainly not in the spirit of the World Series of Birding. When in doubt, don't count it!