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SEASONAL OCCURRENCE:

W - Winter	December - mid-March
Sp - Spring	mid-March - May
Su - Summer	June - mid-July
EF - Early Fall	mid-July - mid-September
LF - Late Fall	mid-September - November

91 spp

W Sp Su EFLF

Green Heron*	v	u	f	f	u
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	u	f	f	f	f
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	u	u	u	u	u
Glossy Ibis*	v	c	c	c	f
Black Vulture**	f	f	u	u	f
Turkey Vulture*	f	f	f	f	c

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE AND STATUS:

Note that these are average numbers in suitable habitat.

c - common	should not miss; more than 20 individuals per day
f - fairly common	usually seen; 5 to 20 individuals per day
u - uncommon	seen in limited numbers; 1 to 4 per day
s - scarce	usually present, but not seen daily
r - rare	seen only a few times per season
v - very rare	very infrequent; averages 1 or fewer records per season
p - pelagic	found primarily at sea; listed status is that from shore
i - introduced	not native to New Jersey
* - regular breeder	
** - irregular or presumed breeder	

LOONS to CORMORANTS

	W	Sp	Su	EFLF
Red-throated Loon	c	c	v	c
Common Loon	f	c	r	s
Pied-billed Grebe**	f	u	r	s
Horned Grebe	f	c		f
Red-necked Grebe	v	v		r
Cory's Shearwater (p)		v	v	
Greater Shearwater (p)		v	v	
Sooty Shearwater (p)		s	r	
Audubon's Shearwater (p)			v	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel (p)		r	s	s
Northern Gannet	f	c	s	r
Brown Pelican	v	s	u	u
Double-crested Cormorant	u	c	c	c
Great Cormorant	u	u	v	v

BITTERNS to VULTURES

American Bittern	s	s	v	u	u
Least Bittern*	v	u	u	u	s
Great Blue Heron	f	f	s	f	c
Great Egret*	s	c	c	c	u
Snowy Egret*	r	c	c	c	f
Little Blue Heron*	r	u	u	c	u
Tricolored Heron*	r	u	u	f	u
Cattle Egret**	u	u	f	u	

WATERFOWL

Snow Goose	c	c	v	c
Canada Goose*	c	c	f	f
Brant	c	c	r	v
Mute Swan* (I)	f	f	f	f
Tundra Swan	s	s		f
Wood Duck*	s	f	u	f
Gadwall**	f	c	s	u
Eurasian Wigeon	r	r	v	r
American Wigeon	c	c		u
American Black Duck*	c	c	f	c
Mallard*	c	c	f	c
Blue-winged Teal**	r	f	s	f
Northern Shoveler	f	f		s
Northern Pintail	f	c		u
Green-winged Teal	f	c	r	f
Canvasback	s	s		s
Redhead	r	r		r
Ring-necked Duck	u	u		u
Greater Scaup	c	c		f
Lesser Scaup	f	f		f
King Eider	r	r	v	r
Common Eider	s	r	v	v
Harlequin Duck	r	r		r
Surf Scoter	c	c	r	r
White-winged Scoter	f	u	v	v
Black Scoter	c	c	r	r
Oldsquaw	c	c		f
Bufflehead	c	c		c
Common Goldeneye	f	u		f
Hooded Merganser	f	u	v	f
Common Merganser	s	s		s
Red-breasted Merganser	c	c	r	s
Ruddy Duck	u	s	v	u

DIURNAL RAPTORS

Osprey*	v	f	f	c	c
Mississippi Kite		s	r	v	
Bald Eagle*	u	s	s	u	u
Northern Harrier*	f	f	s	f	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u		u	c
Cooper's Hawk*	s	u		u	c
Northern Goshawk	r	v		s	
Red-shouldered Hawk**	u	u	r	u	c
Broad-winged Hawk*		f	s	c	c
Swainson's Hawk				v	r
Red-tailed Hawk*	f	f	u	f	c
Rough-legged Hawk	u	r		u	
Golden Eagle	r			s	
American Kestrel*	u	f	s	c	c

	W	Sp	Su	E	F	L	F
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merlin	s	u	f	c			
<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon*	s	s	s	f	c		

GROUSE to CRANES

<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant**(i)	r	r	r	r	r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse*	r	r	r	r	r		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey*	s	s	s	s	s		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite*	u	u	u	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Rail**	s	s	v	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapper Rail*	u	c	c	c	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> King Rail**	s	s	s	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora**	v	u	v	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Moorhen*	v	u	u	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot**	f	f	r	s	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	v	r			r		

SHOREBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	f	c	u	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover	r		s	s			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover	r	c	u	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover*	v	u	u	u	s		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Killdeer*	f	f	u	f	c		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Oystercatcher*	f	f	f	v	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-necked Stilt**	r	v	v				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Avocet		v	v	v			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	u	c	u	c	c		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	s	f	u	c	c		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper		u	s	u	s		
<input type="checkbox"/> Willet*	r	c	c	f	s		
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper**	f	u	f	u			
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	r	r	s	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Whimbrel	v	c	s	f	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hudsonian Godwit	v	v	r	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	r	r	v	s	s		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Turnstone	c	c	u	f	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Knot	s	c	f	u	u		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanderling	c	c	f	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper		c	u	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	f	r	r	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper	r	c	u	c	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> White-rumped Sandpiper		u	u	f			
<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sandpiper			r	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper		u	s	f	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Sandpiper	c	c	v	c			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	c	c	r	u	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Sandpiper	r	s	f	u			
<input type="checkbox"/> Buff-breasted Sandpiper			r	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruff		v	v	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher	r	c	f	c	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher	r	v		s	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Snipe	u	c		u	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock*	u	u	u	u	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	r	r	s	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Phalarope (p)	v	v	v	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Phalarope (p)	v	v		v			

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JAEGERS to ALCIDS

W Sp Su EFLF

<input type="checkbox"/> Pomarine Jaeger (p)	v			r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Jaeger (p)	s	v	s	u			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull*	r	c	c	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Gull	r	s	v	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Gull	r	r		r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	c	c	r	r	f		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull*	c	c	c	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland Gull	r	r	v	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Black-backed Gull	s	s	v	r	s		
<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucous Gull	r	r					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Black-backed Gull*	c	c	c	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-legged Kittiwake (p)	r	r		r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gull-billed Tern*	u	u	u				
<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	r	v	u	f			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal Tern	r	f	u	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich Tern	v	r	s	v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Roseate Tern	s	s	r				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Tern*	c	c	c	f			
<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Tern (p)	v	v	v	v			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern*	s	c	c	c	c		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Least Tern*	f	f	f				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	r	r	s	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Skimmer*	v	f	f	c	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dovekie (p)	v			v			
<input type="checkbox"/> Razorbill (p)	r	v		r			

PIGEONS to WOODPECKERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)*(i)	c	c	c	c	c		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	u	s			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	u	f	s			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl*	s	s	s	s	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl*	f	f	f	f	f		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl	v				v		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u	u		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl	s	s			u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	s	v	u	s			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck-will's-widow*	f	f	f				
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will*	f	f	f	s			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift*	c	c	c	f			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	f	f	f	s			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	s	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker*	r	s	r	s	s		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker*	f	f	f	f	f		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r	s			u		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker*	f	f	f	f	f		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	u		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker*	f	c	f	c	c		

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YCATCHERS to VIREOS

— Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	r	v
— Eastern Wood-Pewee*	f	f	c
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	u	r
— Acadian Flycatcher*	f	f	u
— Alder Flycatcher	v	u	s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher*	s	u	u
— Least Flycatcher	r	f	s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe*	r	f	s
— Great Crested Flycatcher*	f	f	u
— Western Kingbird	v	v	r
— Eastern Kingbird*	f	f	c
— White-eyed Vireo*	v	f	f
— Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	s	u
— Blue-headed Vireo	v	u	s
— Warbling Vireo	s	u	s
— Philadelphia Vireo	v	u	u
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo*	c	f	c

YS to WRENS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay*	c	c	f	c	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Crow*	c	c	c	c	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow*	f	c	c	c	c
— Horned Lark*	u	s	s	s	u
— Purple Martin*	c	c	c	r	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow*	s	c	c	c	c
— No. Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	f	s	
— Bank Swallow**	f	s	f	s	
— Cliff Swallow	u	r	u	u	
— Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	u	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse*	f	f	f	f	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch**	s	u	v	s	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u	u
— Brown Creeper**	s	u			u
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c	c
— House Wren*	r	f	f	f	f
— Winter Wren	u	u		r	u
— Sedge Wren**	r	r		v	r
— Marsh Wren*	u	c	c	c	f

VGLETS to WAXWINGS

— Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	f		v	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	s	f		r	c
— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	v	f	f	c	u
— Eastern Bluebird*	u	u	u	u	c
— Veery	u			c	u
— Gray-cheeked Thrush	r			r	u
— Bicknell's Thrush	r			v	s
— Swainson's Thrush	s			u	f
— Hermit Thrush	u	f		v	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush*	f	f	f	s	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Robin*	c	c	c	c	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird*	u	c	c	c	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c	c

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— Brown Thrasher*	u	f	u	u	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Starling*(i)	c	c	c	c	c
— American Pipit	s	s		v	f
— Cedar Waxwing*	f	f	f	c	c

WARBLERS

— Blue-winged Warbler*	f	f	f	u	
— Golden-winged Warbler	r		s	r	
— Tennessee Warbler	s		u	u	
— Orange-crowned Warbler	r	r		s	
— Nashville Warbler	v	u		f	u
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula*	f	r		f	c
— Yellow Warbler*	c	f		c	u
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	u			f	s
— Magnolia Warbler	f			f	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	u			f	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler	f			f	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c		s	c
— Black-throated Green Warbler	f			f	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	u			f	u
— Yellow-throated Warbler*	f	f		f	r
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler*	v	c		c	c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler*	v	f		f	s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	s	u		u	c
— Bay-breasted Warbler	u			u	s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	f	v		u	c
— Cerulean Warbler	r			r	v
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler*	c	f		c	f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Redstart*	c	u		c	f
— Prothonotary Warbler*	f	f		u	r
— Worm-eating Warbler*	f	u		f	s
— Ovenbird*	c	c		c	u
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	u			c	f
— Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	u		u	
— Kentucky Warbler*	u	s		s	
— Connecticut Warbler				u	u
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler*	r			u	r
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat*	r	c		c	c
— Hooded Warbler*	u	u		u	r
— Wilson's Warbler	s			u	r
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	u			f	s
— Yellow-breasted Chat*	v	f		f	u

TANAGERS to BUNTINGS

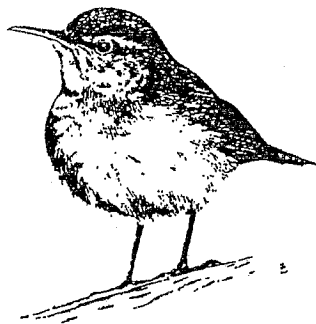
— Summer Tanager*	u	u	u	r	
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— Eastern Towhee*	u	c	c	c	f
— American Tree Sparrow	s	r		s	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow*	s	c	c	c	c
— Clay-colored Sparrow	v			r	r
— Field Sparrow*	f	f	f	f	c
— Vesper Sparrow	v			s	
— Lark Sparrow				r	r
— Savannah Sparrow	f	f		u	c
— Grasshopper Sparrow**	v	v	v	r	

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	W	Sp	Su	E	F	L	F
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	s	s					u
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	u	f	f	f	f		u
Seaside Sparrow*	u	c	c	c	c		f
Fox Sparrow	u	u					f
X Song Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	c		u
Lincoln's Sparrow	r	r					u
Swamp Sparrow*	f	f	f	f	f		c
White-throated Sparrow	c	c	v				c
White-crowned Sparrow	r	s					u
Dark-eyed Junco	c	f					c
Lapland Longspur	r	r					r
Snow Bunting	s	r					u
X Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c	c		c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		f	v	f	f		c
Blue Grosbeak*		f	f	f	f		u
X Indigo Bunting*		c	f	c	f		c
Dickcissel	r	r					s

BLACKBIRDS to OLD WORLD SPARROWS

Bobolink		f	u	c	f		
X Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c	c		c
Eastern Meadowlark*	f	f	u	u	c		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	v	v	v	r	v		
Rusty Blackbird	u	u			f		
X Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c	c		c
X Boat-tailed Grackle*	f	f	f	f	f		f
Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c	c		c
Orchard Oriole*		f	f	f	v		
Baltimore Oriole*	r	f	u	c	u		
Purple Finch	u	s		r	f		
House Finch*(i)	c	c	c	c	c		c
Common Redpoll	r	v			r		
Pine Siskin	u	s			u		
X American Goldfinch*	f	c	f	c	c		c
Evening Grosbeak	r	r			r		
X House Sparrow*(i)	c	c	c	c	c		c



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= 90 spp

RARITIES

Observers lucky enough to encounter any of the species on these two lists (or species marked "v" on the main list) should document the record with careful notes, sketches, and photographs. Please contact CMBO (609-884-2736) and other birders as soon as possible.

Very Rare Visitors and Vagrants

This is a list of species that have been adequately documented more than four times ever in the county, but less than annually since 1985.

Eared Grebe, Northern Fulmar, Manx Shearwater, American White Pelican, White Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Wood Stork, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Greater White-fronted Goose, Swallow-tailed Kite, Yellow Rail, Purple Gallinule, Wilson's Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Long-tailed Jaeger, Franklin's Gull, Sabine's Gull, Bridled Tern, Sooty Tern, Common Murre, Thick-billed Murre, Atlantic Puffin, White-winged Dove, Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird, Pileated Woodpecker, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Shrike, Common Raven, Cave Swallow, Northern Wheatear, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Henslow's Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Black-headed Grosbeak, Painted Bunting, Brewer's Blackbird, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill.

Accidentals

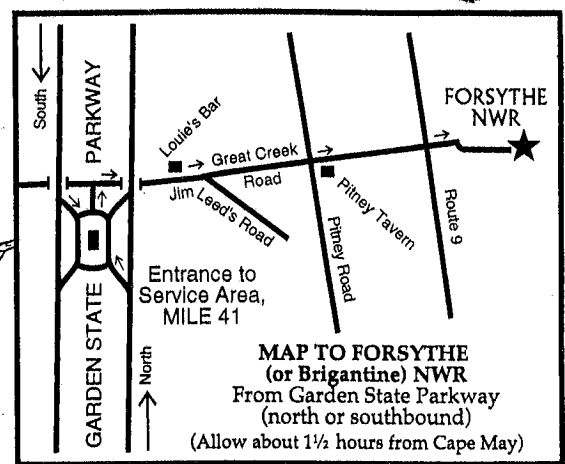
These species have been recorded four or fewer times in Cape May County.

Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Brown Booby, Anhinga, Magnificent Frigatebird, White-tailed Kite, Eurasian Kestrel, Gyrfalcon, Corn Crane, Northern Lapwing, Mongolian Plover, Long-billed Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Little Stint, Eurasian Woodcock, Great Skua, Black-tailed Gull, White-winged Tern, Whiskered Tern, Brown Noddy, Black Guillemot, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Common Ground-Dove, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Calliope Hummingbird, Black-backed Woodpecker, Say's Phoebe, Gray Kingbird, Bell's Vireo, Brown-chested Martin, Violet-green Swallow, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Bohemian Waxwing, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Spotted Towhee, Lark Bunting, Harris's Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Smith's Longspur, Chestnut-collared Longspur.

The following species have been published as having occurred in Cape May County, but formal documentation is apparently lacking: Ross's Goose, Black-tailed Godwit, Thayer's Gull, Black-capped Chickadee, Green-tailed Towhee, Pine Grosbeak, and Hoary Redpoll.

CAPE MAY BIRD OBSERVATORY BIRDING AND BUTTERFLYING MAP TO CAPE MAY COUNTY & FORSYTHE NWR

Ⓐ = Nature areas & observation points
 ☆ = Nature information
 ★ = New Jersey Audubon Society Center



**MAP TO FORSYTHE
(or Brigantine) NWR**
 From Garden State Parkway
 (north or southbound)
 (Allow about 1½ hours from Cape May)

Ⓐ BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST
 Begin at forest Field Office (just off Route 550) for forest map and bathrooms. Consider purchasing Cape May County Map by Patton, Inc. (sold at CMBO) showing ALL forest roads, which traverse excellent habitat for southern swamp warblers, butterflies (especially sandy roads) and dragonflies. Drive south, birding along the way. Explore Sunset Rd., Pine Swamp Rd., Narrows Rd., New Bridge Rd., Cedar Bridge Rd., Meisle Rd. Fun by Bicycle. (Allow about 1 hour from Cape May)

Ⓑ JAKES LANDING ROAD
 From Rt. 47, about 1.4 miles north of the WAWA store in Dennisville. Upland is excellent for landbirds and butterflies; marsh at end of road good for rails, saltmarsh sparrows, marsh wrens and raptors. Parking lot and boat landing at end of road; good canoe access, but be wary of very strong tides. (Allow 1 hour from Cape May)

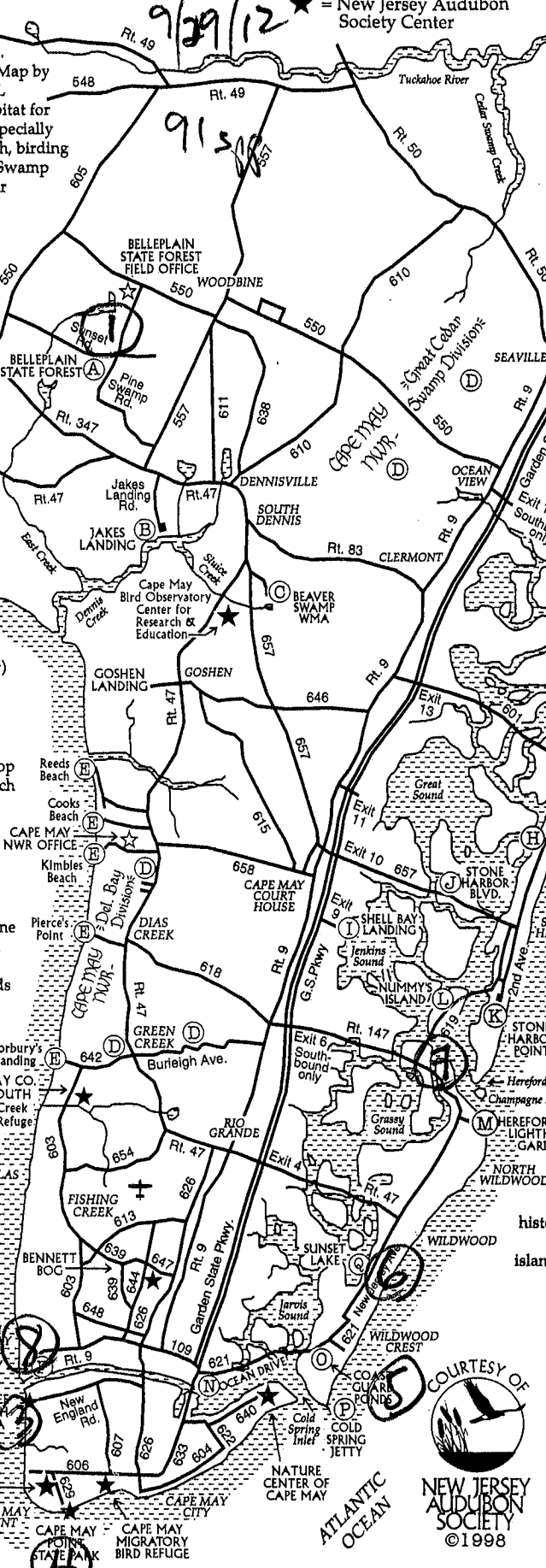
Ⓒ BEAVER SWAMP WMA
 Off Rt. 657 turn onto Gravel Hole Rd. and immediately onto Beaver Dam Rd. which becomes a sand road. Length of sand road good for birds, butterflies, dragonflies. At road end walk across dam to view lake, creek and marsh. (Allow about 45 minutes from Cape May)

Ⓓ CAPE MAY NWR
 Created in 1989; will ultimately preserve over 16,000 acres. Many points of access (walking trails). Call (609-463-0994) or stop by Refuge Headquarters on Kimbles Beach Road for info. Bobwhite and Woodcock Lanes, just south of Kimbles Beach Road, offer excellent access.

Ⓔ SHOREBIRD & HORSESHOE CRAB HOTSPOTS
 2nd week of May through 1st week of June (peak late May). All HOTSPOTS reached from Rt. 47: Norbury's Landing, Pierce's Point, Kimbles Beach, Cooks Beach, Reeds Beach, and north into Cumberland Co. (East Point, south end of Fortescue, north end of Gandy's Beach). Observation platforms and pay parking lot available at Reeds Beach (arranged during season on private property); please support Ecotourism and park in lot and not on roadside. Please do not disturb this phenomenon. Look from the road or viewing platforms; birds may be close or may fly in. Please respect private property; all areas are residential communities.

Ⓕ CAPE MAY FERRY
 At end of Rt. 9. Cape May-Lewes Ferry crosses 13 miles of Delaware Bay; cross as foot passenger. Late March (gannets), June-July (petrels), fall (migrants). (Allow 15 minutes from Cape May; ferry round-trip about 3 hours)

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CAPE MAY AREA



Ⓖ CMBO'S AVALON SEA WATCH AT 7th STREET
 Parkway Exit 13. Go into Avalon. Left at 2nd light onto Dune Drive. Right onto 7th Street. Park in lot at beach. Full-time sea-bird watch from mid-September to mid-December; up to 1 million birds tallied. Bring a scope and scan the horizon to spot strings of migrants. (Allow about 45 minutes from Cape May)

Ⓗ ARMACOST COMMUNITY PARK
 Follow directions above to Avalon. Park is between 71st and 74th streets and between Dune and Ocean Drives. Walk perimeter of park to view nesting herons, egrets and ibis mid-May to early September. Rookery formed after Stone Harbor Sanctuary stopped being used as a rookery in 1991. (Allow about 40 minute from Cape May)

Ⓘ SHELL BAY LANDING
 Parkway Exit 9 (traffic light). Go east onto Shell Bay Avenue to end. View back bay marshes and Jenkins Sound; shorebirds (Whimbrels late April-May and late July-August) and waterfowl. (Allow 20 minutes from Cape May)

Ⓙ STONE HARBOR BLVD, Ⓚ STONE HARBOR POINT, Ⓛ NUMMY'S ISLAND
 Parkway Exit 10. Follow signs to Stone Harbor. Length of STONE HARBOR BLVD. (marsh & salt ponds) good for birding. At 2nd traffic light go right onto 2nd Ave. Continue south past 122nd Street to end of 2nd Ave. Turn left into parking lot. STONE HARBOR POINT is the undeveloped land south of here: good year-round birding spot and excellent in fall for migrant birds and butterflies. Continue south by car on Ocean Drive over first bridge. You are now on NUMMY'S ISLAND, a saltmarsh island excellent for birding on both sides of road. Pull well off road for safety. (Allow 40 minutes from Cape May)

Ⓜ HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE GARDENS
 Southbound on Parkway take Exit 6 into North Wildwood. Follow signs to the beachfront. Turn onto First Avenue, follow to Central Avenue. (Or from Nummy's Island follow Ocean Drive to North Wildwood.) Avoid Wildwood and Wildwood Crest access in summer; extreme traffic congestion. Gardens surround historic lighthouse; excellent for butterflies. Best view of CHAMPAGNE ISLAND from here and along seawall to left. Scope necessary to see island's nesting colonies in summer (terns, skimmers), shorebirds during migration, roosting pelicans. (Allow 20 minutes from Cape May)

Ⓝ OCEAN DRIVE, Ⓞ COAST GUARD PONDS, Ⓟ COLD SPRING JETTY, Ⓠ SUNSET LAKE
 From south end of Parkway take Rt. 621 (OCEAN DRIVE) toward Wildwood Crest. Pull well off road for safety to study marshes and tidal ponds. After toll bridge look for COAST GUARD PONDS on right: excellent roadside birding. Go right at 2nd light (Jefferson Ave.) and continue to beach. About 20 minute walk south (right) on beach to reach COLD SPRING JETTY. Backtrack to Rt. 621 North and jog over to New Jersey Ave. Continue north until large lagoon on left (SUNSET LAKE). Pull over and bird the lake. Good birding October to April. (Allow 15-20 minutes from Cape May)



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