

The Wildlife Society - New Jersey Chapter

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 31, 2006  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge  
Oceanville, NJ

Approximately 55 people were in attendance.

Ted Nichols called the meeting to order, and presentations were given on Western Hemisphere Shorebird Ecology with Emphasis on Red Knots and the Delaware Bay Stopover.

Dr. Larry Niles, Chief of the Endangered and Nongame Species Program, with NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife spoke about red knot investigations in the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. Humphrey Sitters, Editor of the International Wader Study Group Bulletin, from the United Kingdom, spoke about the status of red knots in the Western Hemisphere and the case for listing.

Dr. Daniel Hernandez, of Richard Stockton College in Pomona NJ spoke about the foraging ecology of red knots on Delaware Bay and baywide monitoring of horseshoe crab egg densities.

Kim Peters of the NJ Audubon Society spoke about the mass gain dynamics in sandpipers staging on the Delaware Bay.

Dr. Alan Baker of the University of Toronto and the Royal Ontario Museum, from Ontario Canada spoke about the wintering ecology of red knots in Rio Grande, Argentina.

Christopher Hassell, of the Broome Bird Observatory, from Broome Australia, spoke about shorebird migration in the Yellow Sea, in China, with parallels to the Delaware Bay.

Chung-Yu Chang, of the Taiwan Wader Study Group from Tunghsi University, in Taiwan spoke about wintering shorebirds in Taiwan.

Dr. Clive Minton of Melbourne, Australia who has studied shorebirds for 55 years, in England and Australia, spoke about shorebird migration and ecology in the Australia – Asian Flyway.

Dick Veitch of Auckland, New Zealand currently works with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and spoke about the challenges and changes of endemic waders of New Zealand.

NJ Chapter President, Janet Bucknall announced that Alissa Tripler of Waretown NJ, currently a student at Richard Stockton College was the winner of the Cookingham Scholarship award. It was announced that membership applications, and approved by-laws were available on line and at the day's meeting. Janet announced that Eric Shrading won the election for the Vice-President position, and Don Freiday won the election for another term as Board member.

The minutes of this meeting was prepared by Chapter Secretary, Susan Predl.