

* Hey y’all: Bird Enthusiasts, Spring’s a-comin’!
* Once again Minerva’s is planning something special for *YOU*!
* **May 1-3**: A VISIT WITH NEW JERSEY’S BIRDS !!  
    
  **Friday night** **supper** at Minerva's (Emma and Paul will serve breads, soups, salad and dessert.) We'll get to know each other and our favorite birds.
* Bring your favorite photos, your favorite birding stories, your cameras, your ‘scopes, and your enthusiasm!!   
    
  **Saturday morning**: After **breakfast** we'll grab our cameras and notebooks and head for the Barnegat Light jetty and/or to the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, accompanied by our own special guide: a bird-and-wildlife-protection expert from the Rutgers University Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, who will provide extra scopes, field guides, and expertise for a fascinating morning of birding.

You'll be delighted to meet our guide, **Michael Allen**, Ph.D (who is a colleague of our beloved Professor Brooke Maslo, who oversees the plover-nesting area in Barnegat Light, and has sometimes led Minerva’s birding weekend.)

Michael has mesmerized us for the past two years with his expertise and easy-going, can-do presentation style, and we’re delighted that he’s returning!

*It’s gonna be another not-to-be-missed weekend…….*

(If it rains—and maybe even if it doesn’t—we have indoor AV equipment and a projector for “virtual” birding)

* For more info on the Forsythe Refuge, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwin_B._Forsythe_National_Wildlife_Refuge>
* **Saturday evening**: Emma and Paul will make a scrumptious **supper** and we'll plan our local bird-walking for after…
* …**Sunday morning breakfast**.

The **cost for all this lodging, food, and fun**? $195/person, single; $140/person if you’re sharing a room; first child under 12 FREE; ($79/child for second or more)