



Delaware Shorebird Project 2022 Field Season

Volunteer Information Form



All volunteers must certify that they are fully COVID-19 vaccinated or request an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination(s) due to qualified ADA or sincerely held religious beliefs or practices. All Delaware DPH and CDC guidance will be followed (masks may be required based on guidance during May 2022).

Commitment

We ask that you commit to spending **at least 3 days** with the project to offset training, and to gain exposure to all aspects of the work we do. **The season extends from May 1, 2022 to June 3, 2022.**

Training will be provided virtually and new volunteers will be paired with a DNREC staff member or experienced volunteer.

We limit the number of new volunteers in proportion to experienced team members to ensure bird safety and provide effective training. **If you have never volunteered with us before, please include a cover letter** briefly describing your interest in volunteering with the Delaware Shorebird Project and what you hope to gain from the experience so that we learn a little more about you.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail address:

*Participants must be at least 18 years of age to volunteer with the Shorebird Project.

I understand that photographs and videos may be taken during activities, and I give permission to DNREC to use photographs and videos in future publications, promotional materials, and exhibits.

Please check if you DO NOT want DNREC to use photos or video of you.

Where did you find out about us (Facebook, Job Board, Friend, School, DSP webpage, Other)?

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Have you volunteered with us before?

Never

More than one day

Several seasons

One day

One or more days, and I participated in a catch

If you have volunteered with us before, could you let us know what jobs you feel comfortable with, understanding that we will re-orient you this season?

Estimating bird numbers on the beach

Data QA/QC

Resighting flagged birds

Weighing birds

Ratio Scans

Measuring bill and head

Please indicate your level of experience and confidence with the following activities:

Identifying shorebirds:

No experience

Some, but I do not feel confident on my own

Confident with some species, but for others, need work

Confident with most species except difficult ones such as sanderling vs. semipalmated sandpipers

Confident with all species that will be encountered

Using a spotting scope:

No experience

Have not used one other than to look through a friend's

Own a spotting scope, but have not used it much

Own a spotting scope and use it regularly

Confident using a spotting scope, but do not own one

Reading coded flags/bands:

Have not done this

Have done this a few times while birding

Have done this with a group, but do not feel comfortable doing it on my own

Have a lot of experience and confidence

Handling/banding birds:

Have not done this

Have been allowed to hold a bird on occasion

Have worked with a bander and handled birds a number of times

Have a permit to band birds

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Please explain your experience with handling/banding birds:

Considerations

Physical

Health

Mobility

Allergies

Other

Please explain:

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide housing or vehicles due to public health concerns. Our priority is our volunteer's safety and minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

We survey throughout the state and most sites are only accessible by driving. We will try to accommodate survey sites near your home base.

Where do you plan on staying (town/city name)?

Survey sites range from the northernmost site at Port Mahon to the southernmost site at Prime Hook Beach. Do you have a preferred site or sites?

How far are you willing to travel?

What dates are you available? How many days per week? Please give us an idea of your availability and how many days you would like to volunteer this season. We understand your availability may change nearer to the time of surveys due to COVID-related or personal circumstances. *(The season extends from May 1, 2022 to June 3, 2022)*

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Do you own a pair of binoculars and will you be using them during your surveys?
(We have a limited number to loan if needed)

Yes, I plan to bring and use my own binoculars to my surveys.

No, I will need to borrow a pair of binoculars from the project.

Do you own a spotting scope and tripod and will you be using them during your surveys?
(We have a limited number to loan if needed)

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No, I will need to borrow a spotting scope and tripod from the project.

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