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## **Second Annual Eastern Shore Birding Festival**

If you missed it last year, don't make the same mistake twice! Mark your calendar for the weekend of October 8 and 9, 1994, and plan to enjoy a spectacular fall weekend on the Shore during the peak of the fall migration of songbirds and hawks.

The central point for coordination of festival activities is the Sunset Beach Inn, which is located, at the southern tip of Virginia's Eastern Shore, just north of the Chesapeake Bay-Bridge-Tunnel toll plaza on U.S. Route 13. The Inn grounds front on the bay and are adjacent to the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, Fisherman's Island National Wildlife Refuge, Kiptopeke State Park, State Wildlife Management Areas, and conservation areas owned by the Nature Conservancy. This area serves as a critical corridor for migrating songbirds as they are funneled to this point on the Delmarva Peninsula on the way south to their winter homes.

Both the Chincoteague and Eastern Shore Wildlife Refuge will be participating in this special event. A variety of activities are planned for the entire weekend. Included are:

### **GUIDED TOURS**

- Active Bird Banding & Research
- Tours of Wildlife Habitat
- Wildlife Refuge Tours
- Canoe Trips
- Tours to Conservation Areas

### **EXHIBITS**

- Eastern Shore Artists
- Resource Agencies

### **WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Presentations about Local Birds
- Arts and Crafts
- Photography
- Bird Identification
- Creating Backyard Bird Habitat
- Choosing and Using Binoculars

### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND GAMES**

### **FOOD AND RETAIL VENDORS**

- Food Booths
- Native Plants
- Birding Equipment & Paraphernalia
- Local Arts and Crafts

Experience the phenomenon of thousands of birds congregating in preparation for their annual flight to the tropics, while you're supporting bird conservation through responsible stewardship of their habitat.

For further information, and to register for the guided tours, contact-

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