



# Seabrook Island Birders



# 2023 SIB Year in Review



- Eighth Year of Organization's existence
- Membership: 336 members (102 new)
- 5 Evening events averaging 51 attendees with video available for those unable to attend
- 76 Activities



# 2023 Evening Meetings

- January 22: A World on a Wing – Scott Wiedensaul
- March 23: Red Knots in the Southeast: Acting Locally, Thinking Globally – Fletcher Smith
- July 11: To the Lowcountry and Beyond: Tracking Painted Buntings using Technology – Aaron Given
- September 12: Song and the Secret Lives of Sparrows – Melissa Hughes
- November 10: How to Catch a Kiwi – Kristina Ramstad

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## Communications

- SeabrookIslandBirders.org
- 264 Blogs published to 439 email followers and 188 Wordpress followers for a total of 627
- 477 additional Facebook posts with 714 Followers
- 476 Instagram Followers
- 42 Nextdoor posts since August
- Emails/Newsletters to Members



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## Activities in conjunction with Global Birding Community

- Christmas Bird Count – 2567 birds in 107 bird species identified in one 24 hour period
- Great Backyard Bird Count – 73 species seen
- 66 species seen on Global Big day
- Resighting Red Knots for DNR
- Shared Bluebird stats with SC Bluebird society
- October Big Day – 76 species seen



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## Bluebird Stats

- 71 boxes monitored
- 69 Bluebird nest attempts
- 17 Carolina Chickadee attempts
- 82% Hatch Success
- 95% Fledge Success





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## Shorebird Stewards

- Sea Island Shorebird Festival held in conjunction with Kiawah
- 28 Stewards volunteered 262 hours
- Interactions with 920 individuals,  
91% adult
- 64% of interactions were with visitors so much education accomplished



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## Birding:

- 7 Backyard
- 12 Golf Course
- 30 Seabrook and Johns Island
- 19 Beyond Seabrook
- 144 Checklists submitted including Global Activities



## Movies:

- 10 movies





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## SIB Activity Fun Facts

- 76 completed activities
- February 20 Learning Together on Golf Course was most attended activity with 34 participants
- 262 unique members attended activities, 43 guests
- 81 species seen at Bear Island in February was biggest day
- 193 species seen in all activities



## 2023 Executive Committee

- Joleen Ardaiole\*
  - Walter Brooks - President
  - Nancy Chomel
  - Ed Konrad – Vice President\*
  - Bob Mercer
  - Mary Wilde
- Tim Barnard
  - Nancy Brown - Treasurer
  - Alan Fink
  - Judy Morr
  - Gina Sanders
  - Nini Wolitarsky – Secretary\*

\* Retiring members



## 2024 Executive Committee

- Mark Andrews
  - Walter Brooks
  - Nancy Chomel
  - Deanna Forsythe
  - Judy Morr
  - Mary Wilde
- Tim Barnard
  - Nancy Brown
  - Alan Fink
  - Bob Mercer
  - Gina Sanders

## Proposed 2024 Slate of Officers

- Walter Brooks - President
- Bob Mercer – Vice President
- Nancy Brown - Treasurer
- Deanna Forsythe – Secretary