



# Delaware Shorebird Project 2020 Field Season



## Volunteer Information Form

**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.

### Have you worked with us before?

- Never
- More than one day
- Several seasons
- One day
- One or more days, and I participated in a catch

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

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

#### 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

#### 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

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### Handling/banding birds:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Have not done this                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Have worked with a bander and handled birds a number of times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have been allowed to hold a bird on occasion | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permit to band birds                                   |

### Considerations

- Physical    Health    Mobility    Dietary (if you will be staying at the Field House)
- Other   Please explain:

### We have limited space for people to stay.

Do you plan to commute each day or do you need to stay overnight?

Would you be willing to bring a tent and sleeping bag and camp in the back yard if we do not have room in the house?

Could you stay in a hotel if there was not room in the house?

### Most field sites require driving. Project vehicles are limited, as is parking.

Will you be planning to drive and have a vehicle at the house?

Would you be willing to use it to transport yourself and other members of the team to site locations?

### Commitment

We ask that you commit to spending **at least 3 full consecutive days** with the project to offset training, and to gain exposure to all aspects of the work we do. We will conduct volunteer training and orientation on dates the dates below. If you are new to the project, we ask that you schedule your arrival before 9am on one of the training dates so that you can participate in training. If you cannot arrive for a scheduled training, please let the volunteer coordinator know, and they will be able to tell you if an alternative date works.

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**Training dates:** Friday 8 May, Tuesday 12 May, Friday 15 May, Tuesday 19 May, Friday 22 May, Tuesday 26 May

I would like to arrive on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

I plan to depart on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

I would like to participate in training on:

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Estimating bird numbers on the beach | <input type="checkbox"/> Data QA/QC              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resighting flagged birds             | <input type="checkbox"/> Weighing birds          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ratio scans                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring bill and head |

We limit the number of new volunteers in proportion to experienced team members to ensure bird safety and so that we can 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 know a little more about you.

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