

2020 PRIME HOOK NWR LECTURE SCHEDULE

- February 11 BIRDS IN HOLES
Local naturalist Raymond Hendrick has studied Bluebirds for over 40 years. He will describe how they and other bird species such as Purple Martins, Owls, Wood Ducks, Tree Swallows and Kestrels depend upon tree cavities and human-made boxes for their nesting habitat.
- March 10 SHARK CONSERVATION
Shark conservationist, activist and author William McKeever is devoting his life to shifting the popular perception that sharks are nothing more than cold-blooded predators. His latest book “Emperors of the Deep” describes how sharks play an integral role in maintaining the health of the world’s oceans, and ultimately the fate of our planet.
- April 14 DELAWARE’S COASTAL ZONE ACT: AN EVOLVING LEGACY
Film-maker Michael Oates has been documenting little-known stories of Delaware’s history and culture since 1977. He will be presenting his film about how the Coastal Zone Act, enacted 40 years ago to protect Delaware’s beaches and marshes from heavy industrial development, continues to protect our shoreline today.
- May 12 MARINE MAMMALS AND SEA TURTLES OF DELAWARE
Suzanne Thurman, director of MERR, Delaware’s marine animal response and rescue organization, will bring us up to date on the whales, seals, dolphins, and sea turtles that she and MERR volunteers have interacted with over the years.
- June 9 PROTECTING THE WORLD’S FOUR HORSESHOE CRAB SPECIES
Glen Gauvry, of the Ecological Research and Development Group, is involved with the protection of horseshoe crabs through education and environmental planning. He will talk about their worldwide role in nature’s intricately balanced food web.
- July 14 WE EAT FISH!
David Brinker from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will talk about the fish-eating birds that nest in dense colonies, such as Herons, Egrets, Ibis, and Pelicans. He will explain their population trends and conservation issues here in Delmarva.
- August 11 BIG TREES OF DELAWARE
Ashley Melvin of the Delaware Forest Service will present the 5th edition of the “Big Trees of Delaware”, a publication which highlights some of our state’s most notable trees, where they are found, and how they are measured. All participants will receive a copy to take home.
- September 8 DAMSELS AND DRAGONS. . .FLIES, THAT IS!
Tony Schoch, a long-time environmental educator, has spent many years studying and surveying dragonflies and damselflies. He will focus on their anatomy, life cycle, and place in the food chain as well as how to identify species that are found in Delaware.
- October 13 SNOW GEESE IN DELAWARE
Justin Foth from the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife will speak about the annual winter arrival of thousands of Snow Geese to our marshes and farm fields. He will discuss their life cycles and migratory patterns as well as population trends and management issues.

***All lectures will be held at the Milton CHEER Center, 24855 Broadkill Road, Milton, DE. Programs begin at 7pm.**