

**Connecting to Conservation with *The Marshketeers*  
24 hours, a team of committed birders, and You!**

The need for conservation never sleeps – and on May 13, neither will we!

The World Series of Birding turns 40 this year, and once again The Wetlands Institute’s irreplaceable band of birders, *The Marshketeers*, are launching into this conservation marathon that’s truly “for the birds”.

**10K for 10K**

There are an estimated 10,000 species of birds worldwide. While we can’t see that many on May 13, *The Marshketeers* will search high and low to find the most species in Cape May County *and* break our fundraising record for this event. Last year, we saw 134 species, spotting sparrows and sandpipers, counting crows and cowbirds, tallying titmice and tanagers, and raising nearly \$9,000 for the birds.

This year, we’ve set our sights higher, aiming to **raise \$10,000 for conservation** - one dollar for every species on Earth. It’s a lofty goal, but with **YOUR** support, we know we can reach it – and we’ve chosen a special bonus bird to help put us over the top. The American Oystercatcher has been a focus of our research and conservation efforts from the beginning, and serves as a charismatic reminder of the critical nature of our work.

**You give us wings!**

By pledging today, **YOU** are directly supporting the life-saving work of our *Margaret McAllister & Erik Hirsch Coastal Bird Conservation Program*. **Your generous gift today can help us make a real difference for birds!**

*Make it happen - make your gift today!*

- Pledge an amount per species identified, and send your contribution after we tally the results.
- Contribute a fixed amount to send in right away.
- Offer an additional pledge based on whether we spot this year’s “Bonus Bird,” the American Oystercatcher.

*Pledge or donate on-line at [wetlandsinstitute.org/wsob](http://wetlandsinstitute.org/wsob)*

*Please read the categories carefully and mark all those that apply to you:*

- For each species *The Marshketeers* spot, I wish to pledge:  50¢  \$1  \$1.50  \$2  \$3  \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to contribute a fixed sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- In addition to any other pledges that I have made, I agree to donate an additional \$25 if *The Marshketeers* spot the “Bonus Bird”, the American Oystercatcher.

*A pledge of this amount would really help us do more for birds!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member:  Yes  No  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed please find my payment in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail your donation to: The Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247*



*American Oystercatcher, the 2023 Bonus Bird*