

**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

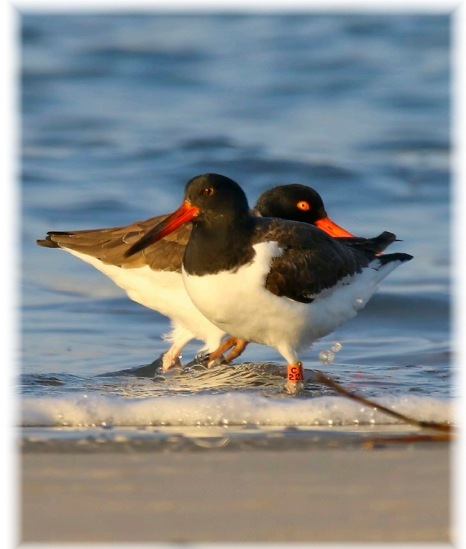
Please read the categories carefully and mark all those that apply to you:

- 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