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Birders Flock to Delmarva, Explore Sussex County, Delaware

GEORGETOWN, DE – For the 13th consecutive year, Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE) will be sponsoring the Delmarva Birding Weekend from April 26-29, 2007 across the Delmarva Peninsula. The Delmarva Birding Weekend combines 22 professionally guided boat trips, canoe treks, and expeditions by foot to explore the various environments along the Peninsula that attract thousands of birds to the region. Hundreds of birdwatchers, both novice and experienced from across the nation, are expected to participate in the weekend.

This year, the Birding Weekend will make its way into Sussex County, Delaware by providing birders with trips to Thompson Island, Assawoman Wildlife Area, and the Delaware Bay Shoreline. According to Aubrey Manzo, Southern Delaware Tourism's Marketing Manager, "The Delmarva Birding Weekend has been an enormous success in previous years and we are thrilled by the increase in excursions planned in Southern Delaware. The trips will introduce ecotourists to Southern Delaware's natural treasures, while promoting bird and habitat conservation."

In addition to the guided tours, the Birding Weekend also includes several social events in Sussex County for participants. A Birder's Reception will take place aboard the Cape-May Lewes Ferry on Thursday, April 26 and the Dogfish Head Craft Brewery in Milton, Delaware will also host an event on Friday, April 27 for participants.

For more detailed information on the trips, or to sign up for a trip, call 800-852-0335 or visit www.delmarvabirdingweekend.org.

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Southern Delaware Tourism works to support and encourage the identification, development and promotion of year-round tourism in Sussex County, Delaware so that it contributes to economic growth, while fostering the preservation of natural, historical and cultural resources that improve the quality of life for both the residents of and visitors to the county. For more information, contact Southern Delaware Tourism at 302-856-1818 or visit their website at www.VisitSouthernDelaware.com.

Delmarva Birding Weekend is sponsored by Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE) and celebrates the migration of thousands of warblers, shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors while promoting bird and habitat conservations. For more information on Delmarva Birding Weekend, visit their website at www.delmarvabirdingweekend.org.

Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE) is a union of local, state, and federal agencies, along with local tourism providers and natural resource managers, that is dedicated to promoting low-impact nature tourism along the Delmarva Peninsula. For more information on DLITE, visit their website at www.delmarvalite.org.