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## DID YOU KNOW ...

When planning a vacation, remember that there are numerous recreational opportunities on lands managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, especially on the National Wildlife Refuge System, and you can do your research from your home computer.

Federal lands with camping opportunities are identified at the [Recreation.Gov](http://Recreation.Gov) website, where you'll find a wealth of information, including:

- A simple calendar of Annual Recreation Events,
- Links to site-specific maps with information about a park, lake, forest, or other recreation facility,
- Accessible recreation sites available for use by individuals with disabilities, and
- Links to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) sites for military personnel.

You can even make campsite reservations at sites listed in [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov). (as long as the site has an advance reservation system). [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) includes a direct link to the appropriate reservation system on the individual page for each site.

*Have a safe and happy summer!*



AMERICA'S  
NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE  
REFUGES

*Wild Things*

*where wildlife  
comes naturally!*

## THE HISTORY OF DOX FOLLY

written by Barbara Mason Datz  
many years ago



The following was excerpted from the memoirs of Barbara Mason Datz, who spent many summers during her childhood living in what is now the house located next to the Volunteer House. This building is scheduled to be demolished in the Fall. We wanted to take this time to remember when ...

To us, Lily Lake was Dox Folly. I was seven years old in 1932 when we spent our first summer there in the new cabin Mother and Dad had built.

The property with the lake and its surroundings was bought by three doctors - Dr. Davidson, Dr. Uzzell, and Dr. Mason, my father, - hence the name Dox Folly. At that time, there were several buildings on the property - a pavilion, a dance hall with stage, a merry-go-round, a small house (which became the caretaker's cottage) and a boy scout meeting house up the hill from our cabin. This house became Dr. Uzzell's place and is now, 72 years later, the site of the Noyes Museum. Down the road towards the Brigantine Preserve, there were two other older houses where the farmers, Enoch and David Conover lived. There was also across the road from our cabin a decrepit place we called the haunted house. Uncle Eddie Uzzell raised doves on the second floor. Beach horses were installed on the lower floor. In those days, as my parents did, many people in Atlantic City rented out their homes to summer people. So we went to Dox Folly.

Our cabin wasn't very large, but had a good sized living room. The cabin was made of logs. The inside walls were of pecky cypress ...

While the dance hall and carousel were dismantled, the pavilion was

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by Jorge Copen

## Common birds encountered in Landbird Point Count Surveys at Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

GRCA	Gray Catbird		BHCO	Brown-headed Cowbird
OVEN	Ovenbird		RBWO	Red-bellied Woodpecker
ACFL	Acadian Flycatcher		AMGO	American Goldfinch
CACH	Carolina Chickadee		FISP	Field Sparrow
AMCR	American Crow		BARS	Barn Swallow
COYE	Common Yellowthroat		BGGN	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
ETTI	Eastern Tufted Titmouse		SCTA	Scarlet Tanager
MODO	Mourning Dove		BLGR	Blue Grosbeak
RSTO	Rufous-sided Towhee		WOTH	Wood Thrush
WHWI	Whip-poor-will		EAWP	Eastern Wood-pewee
EAKI	Eastern Kingbird		BRTH	Brown Thrasher
EAPH	Eastern Phoebe		HAWO	Hairy Woodpecker
YSFL	Yellow-shafted (Northern) Flicker		CEDW	Cedar Waxwing
NOCA	Northern Cardinal		HOFI	House Finch
AMRO	American Robin		BLPW	Blackpoll Warbler
KILL	Killdeer		CHSP	Chipping Sparrow
CARW	Carolina Wren		WBNU	White-breasted Nuthatch
CHSW	Chimney Swift		STSP	Sharp-tailed Sparrow
RWBL	Red-winged Blackbird		MAWR	Marsh Wren
HOWR	House Wren		RTHU	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
FICR	Fish Crow		EUST	European Starling
TRES	Tree Swallow		AMRE	American Redstart
PUMA	Purple Martin		VEER	Veery
REVI	Red-eyed Vireo		WEVI	White-eyed Vireo
GCFL	Great-crested Flycatcher		BWWA	Black-and-white Warbler
BLJA	Blue Jay		BAOR	Baltimore Oriole
PIWA	Pine Warbler		YBCU	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
COGA	Common Grackle		NOMO	Northern Mockingbird
YWAR	Yellow Warbler			
BTGR	Boat-tailed Grackle			

gradually worked on, new pilings, maple flooring, a bar room and kitchen placed at the shore end of the building. Stairs were built at this end to a second floor divided into two dressing rooms for bathers ... The pavilion was quite large, the ceiling high. There was enough area on half of one side for a full volleyball court ... There were many windows and a long screened porch down one side. This led to the deep swimming area with diving board ... There was a dock on the right side of the building by the shore where the rowboat and canoes were kept ... We had a canoe, which I'd paddle to the other end of the (Lily) lake when Mother needed something from the post office/grocery store there. At that end, there was a shallow stream under Route 9 from which water poured into the lake. I never found out about its source. Once when I canoed there a mother duck with her young was swimming around. As I watched, two of the ducklings disappeared. At a later time, the game warden said it was due to snapping turtles pulling them under ...

Apparently Lily Lake was man-made, though when I don't know. There were many tree stumps left when the water was dammed. There were two dams at the east end, one where excess water flowed to meander out to join the marsh where the lovely mallow flowers grew. The other dam sluiced to where at one time there was a mill. It is the millstone from there that Mother had the builders use as part of the chimney to our cabin ...

To the left of the pavilion, there was a path that led to several falling down changing huts for bathers. The lake had been cleared there of stumps to make swimming area for families who came to the grounds for picnics, dancing, and rides ...

... After my brother Dick died, I took the train from Florida to New Jersey to be with my family ... I decided to rent a car and to visit many remembered places. I felt compelled to see the lake again and was ecstatic when I knocked at the door to the cabin and the young lady who answered invited me inside ... The atmosphere hadn't changed - the musty smell of the cypress walls and many remembrances of voices and peoples. I felt compelled then to write down my recollections of Dox Folly.

*To read more of this article, stop by the Refuge.*



"The Cabin" as it is today.

## The Endangered Species Act at 30

In the 30 years since the Endangered Species Act was passed, the foresight of its original champions has surprised us all. On December 28, 1973, President Richard Nixon signed the Act, noting that, "Nothing is more priceless and more worthy of preservation than the rich array of animal life with which our country has been blessed."

At that time, the bald eagle, American alligator, gray whale and peregrine falcon seemed headed for extinction. Today, the falcon, the alligator and the whale no longer need the protection of the Act - and the bald eagle is returning to healthy numbers.

Since the Endangered Species Act took effect, it has prevented the extinction of more than 99 percent of listed species. One study in the Journal Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics found that 192 listed species might have gone extinct between 1973 and 1998 had it not been for the Endangered Species Act. But because of the protections the Act provides, only seven species have been declared extinct in the last 30 years.

The success of the Act is due in large measure to the partnership that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has built with states, other government agencies, environmental groups and other non-profit organizations, the hunting and fishing community, and especially with private landowners.

"In order for the Endangered Species Act to build on its success, the Service must keep finding ways for landowners to benefit from their conservation efforts," said Gary Frazer, Assistant Director of Endangered Species for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We must find more and better ways to collaborate and cooperate with those who live and work on the land."

"For the past 30 years, the Endangered Species Act has helped us to safeguard the future of the nation's diverse plant, fish and wildlife species, and to demonstrate that 'endangered' means there's still time," he added.

Betsy Lordan, Public Affairs, Washington DC

From Fish and Wildlife News, Fall 2003



## CHIEF'S CORNER



In many ways, the Refuge System fared pretty well in fiscal year 2004: Congress appropriated about \$287 million for refuge operations, about 6 percent more than in fiscal year 2003. Additionally, we got approximately \$100 million for maintenance, about \$3 million more than last fiscal year. We've been rewarded for one reason - the

Refuge System produces results.

For the immediate future, the federal government faces challenging times that will touch us all. For fiscal year 2005, the President proposed about \$388 million for the operations and maintenance of the Refuge System. That's about \$3.8 million less than appropriated for this fiscal year. Within this total, we will be increasing our efforts to fund grant programs that provide vital partnerships. This will add to ongoing refuge partnerships that have netted tremendous results.

That's the point: The Refuge System abounds with measurable achievements that are grist for the budget mill. The Administration and Congress want to cut programs that don't produce results. So, while we expect to see some cuts in fiscal year 2006 - just as other agencies will - we are hopeful that these reductions will have minimum affect on staffing at the field level. The Administration recognizes that the Refuge System is a key component in the Service's conservation mission.

We make a difference in the communities we serve and where we are neighbors. We deliver cost effective conservation through innovation and by leveraging our resources with partners. Just think, we conserve an acre of land for less than the cost of a Big Mac and fries.

The money we've gotten has gone straight into refuges. Since 1996, we've gotten 580 more full-time equivalent positions; 518 of them went right onto refuge lands. The Service has recruited more than 40,000 volunteers who contributed about 1.5 million hours in 2003 - equal to about 721 full-time employees. Nearly all of that time has gone into refuges for resource conservation, environmental education and other services that directly benefit communities.

In these challenging times, we want people to know the Refuge System. We can do that by using our logo on our cars, our boundary signs and brochures and at our front door. People need to know what refuges provide for their communities.

Finally, we look forward to the Conservation in Action Summit, where, in concert with our partners and supporters, we will map our shared priorities for the next five to 15 years. The Refuge System conserves resources whose values are both measurable and eternal. That's a "take home" message we can all deliver.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION SUMMIT  
CHARTS COURTS FOR CONSERVATION

From the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website

Secretary of Interior Gale A. Norton opened the four-day Conservation in Action Summit on May 24, and set the tone for an unprecedented gathering of 250 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees and representatives of partner organizations, state agencies, nonprofit refuge Friends groups and others, who worked to identify measurable priorities to guide the Refuge System for the next five to 15 years.

They represented 38 states and the spectrum of interests. A range of Fish and Wildlife Service employees attended, from wage grade employees to regional directors. People from 23 Friends groups were there. Partners, state agencies and nonprofit conservation organizations were fully represented.

The summit was held at the National Conservation Training Center from May 24-27.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams called the summit "one of the most important gatherings in the history of the National Wildlife Refuge System."

"This summit was a pivotal step on the path we blazed in Keystone, CO, when we formulated our Fulfilling the Promise vision," said Refuge System Chief Bill Hartwig. "The decisions we made at this summit, and the information we gathered, will be used to guide our next steps down that path."

Congratulations to our very own Dr. Ed Bristow who was invited to participate in this very important summit. Ed was a member of The Wildlife-Dependent Recreation Team, chaired by Visitor Services and Communications Chief Allyson Rowell and Region 7 Refuge Chief Todd Logan. The team's mission was to focus on how best to implement the Improvement Act's mandates to facilitate quality wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities for the six priority uses: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The Improvement Act calls for increased opportunities for families to experience compatible wildlife-dependent recreation, particularly chances for parents and children to engage safely in such traditional outdoors activities as hunting and fishing. Using Fulfilling the Promise as the benchmark document, the team suggests that the essential elements of work focus on partnerships at the community, state and national levels; researching, designing and implementing opportunities to provide quality wildlife dependent recreation and getting people on the land to enjoy wildlife; ensuring that visitors are safe, welcome and oriented to the Refuge System and its wildlife work.



## AmeriCorps, NJ Watershed Ambassador TRACIE FARINA

If you've spent any time at Forsythe headquarters the past nine months, you've probably seen Tracie working in the back office.

The Watershed Ambassador program is part of AmeriCorps and hosted by the DEP. The Ambassadors do educational outreach promoting public awareness of water pollution throughout the state. New Jersey is divided into 20 major watersheds with an "Ambassador" assigned for each of the management areas. In September, Tracie was selected by the DEP to work out of the Forsythe office.

Since then, she's been busy helping many of us on staff, working on projects from mosquito sampling, to outreach, to planting



switchblade grasses on the Dikes. This year's Earth Day celebration was led by Tracie, whose successful efforts brought Girl and Boy Scout

troops, home schoolers and individual families together to plant Atlantic white cedar trees by Jen's Trail.

Tracie has given over 30 presentations in schools and taken biological and visual stream samples for the DEP. She ran the Martin Luther King Day celebration at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission and is helping high school dropouts obtain their G.E.D's by training them in biological assessments - using macro invertebrates in stream beds as indicators of water pollution.

Although Tracie's position at Forsythe will end in August, I'm sure we'll be working together in the future when she lands her ideal job in an environmental-related field.



Earth Day 2004 -  
Tree Planting by Jen's Trail



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Bring a Friend

- |                      |     |   |     |                                  |     |
|----------------------|-----|---|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| Wildflower Garden    | ___ | Environmental Education                         | ___ | Count Entrance Fees              | ___ |
| Visitor Center Talks | ___ | Trail Maintenance                               | ___ | Special Events                   | ___ |
| Photo Club           | ___ | Friends of Forsythe                             | ___ | Clean Up Litter                  | ___ |
| Puppeteers           | ___ | Help with census of plant or animal populations | ___ | Lead bus tours on Wildlife Drive | ___ |

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these projects, have other ideas, or would like to contribute goods or services to help with these projects, please let us know by completing this form and sending it to us:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Katie Edwards and Tony Geiger - our Plover Interns. Their main duties include assisting in monitoring of the Piping Plover, a Federally listed bird species, on Holgate and Little Beach Island. They assist Refuge Biologist Vinny Turner in collecting nesting data of the plover and three other beach nesting birds (Least Tern, Black Skimmer and American Oystercatcher) at both nest locations.



Katie lives in Linwood and attends Bucknell University. She is an Environmental Studies major with an interest in coastal and wetland ecology. Kate keeps a busy schedule while at school as a member of Bucknell's student government, the environmental club, Community Service Chair of her sorority and Chapter President of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Tony lives in Langhorne, PA and is in the Honors Program at Arcadia University. He is presently a Senior majoring in Scientific Illustration. Tony interned with us last summer doing outreach and enjoyed it so much that he applied again this year -- "One summer wasn't enough to see all this refuge has to offer. Every day I go to work, whether

it's at Holgate or Little Beach, there's a new surprise." Staff eagerly welcomes Tony back. His knowledge of birds and love of nature is very evident to all who work with him.



Mike Czapczynski and Erika Rodriguez - our OMWM Interns -assist Refuge Biologist Jorge Coppen with Open Marsh Water Management (OMWM) mosquito control studies, monitoring coastal nesting birds (federally listed Piping Plover, Least Tern, Black Skimmer, and American Oystercatcher), salt marsh restoration, and reforestation management.



Mike has been a volunteer at Forsythe since 2002, so we were pleased when he applied for an internship this year. Mike is a senior at Richard Stockton College and is majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. He plans to continue on to grad school and eventually get his PhD.

Erika hails from Texas where she is a senior at the University of Texas Pan Am in Edinburg. She will be graduating next spring with a degree in Biology (concentration in field work and wildlife). Erika applied and was

selected through The Conservation Careers Diversity Internship Program, which offers students an opportunity to work with and be mentored by "world-class scientists, managers, and educators on pressing conservation concerns throughout the United States." For information on this program, visit <http://www.eco.org/fws>.



Mary Lambert - our Outreach Intern. Mary is stationed on the beach at the edge of a designated Wilderness area on Long Beach Island, NJ to greet visitors and promote a greater understanding of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and the importance of its Holgate Unit. As one of New Jersey's last undeveloped barrier beaches, Holgate is an important and productive area for beach-nesting birds — including three New Jersey State-endangered beach-nesting bird species: the Least Tern, Black Skimmer, and the Piping Plover which is also a federally threatened shorebird. Mary provides alternative recreational and educational activities when the beach is closed; answers questions; and encourages appropriate behavior.

Mary lives in Lebanon, NJ and attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY. She is majoring in Environmental and Forest Biology with a concentration in Wildlife Sciences. She is a member of the SYBT ESF Wildlife Society and has been an active member of the PAWS 4-H Club in which she trained dogs in agility, obedience and therapy work. Mary was a NJ delegate for the annual Citizenship Washington Focus (National 4-H convention) in Washington, DC.

*Watch for Fall's issue of our newsletter for more from our interns.*

## Refuge and Township Get Hooked on Fishing, Not On Drugs

No one could have asked for better weather, as the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, Friends of Forsythe, and Galloway Township held their Hooked On Fishing - Not On Drugs (HOF-NOD) fishing derby for kids 5 to 14 Saturday June 12th.



Over 135 children and their adult fishing partners met at the Township's new Patriot Lake for a fun day of fishing through the national HOF-NOD program, which teaches skills that not only will help reduce drug and alcohol use in younger people, but will also bring families closer by giving them something they can all participate in together.

And the winners were:

	Girls	Boys
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gabby Millet	Tyler Millett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MacKenzie Goddard	David Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rachel Ann Cifelli	Jim Brady

Each child received a t-shirt, free pass to the refuge, tackle box with lures, activity books and disposable camera. Other activities included fish printing by The Noyes Museum, a casting contest by the Cedarwater Bassmasters, and minnow races by the Gutter Guys.

Many thanks to our friends and partners who made this event such a success: Galloway Township, Barbara Fiedler from Galloway Twp Community Programs, Rick Smith, Patriot Lake Committee, The Noyes Museum, NJ State Policemen's Benevolent Association Commerce Bank, Atlantic County Federation of



Sportsmen's Club Inc, Atlantic County Association of Chiefs of Police, MotoPhoto of Northfield, Game World, Chestnut Neck Boat Yard, Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery, Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby Program; Volunteers from Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen, Cedarwater Bassmasters, Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, Friends of Forsythe NWR, and Galloway Township. A special thanks to Derby Coordinator Ed Jones.

## Friends Announce Photo Contest Winners

Friends of Forsythe held their third annual photo contest. The winners were announced during this year's Earth Day celebration.

First place went to Ed Idzik, 2nd to Barbara Cohen and 3rd and honorable mention to Bridgette Bliss. Both Ed and Barbara are members of our Stay Focused Photo Club. Bridget also won in last year's contest. First and second prizes are savings bonds donated by the Friends of Forsythe.

## Volunteers Training Session

Thanks to those of you who attended our volunteer training session on May 25th. The 18 volunteers who came to the training were treated to a buffet lunch, presented with short programs by each staff member and given a guided tour of the Wildlife Drive by staff members Jorge Coppen and Art Webster. We would very much appreciate hearing your thoughts on the training session - good or bad - your input is what will make this training better as we continue to give these sessions to new volunteers. You can email your comments to [sandy\\_perchetti@fws.gov](mailto:sandy_perchetti@fws.gov).



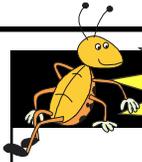
### UPCOMING EVENTS



Field Trip - Thursday, July 15th. "For Volunteers Only" - spend a day visiting the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, Wetlands Institute, and Cape May Zoo. Bring your "significant others" and meet at Headquarters at 8:00 a.m. and we'll car pool to Cape May.

Volunteer Dinner - Friday evening, August 13th at Chestnut Neck Resort - Watch for your invitation in the mail.

National Wildlife Refuge Week and Make a Difference Day celebration - Saturday, October 24 - Take a Walk on the Wild side as we celebrate Make a Difference Day, National Wildlife Refuge Week, and the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.



# VOLUNTEER NEEDED

## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT COORDINATOR

Needed -- a dedicated, take-charge individual to coordinate an exciting new outreach project for the Refuge.

The Project: To gather stories, interesting facts, history, old photos, etc. of this area that we can share with our visitors. The information will be compiled for use in written and oral presentations, on and off the refuge at special events.

Hours are flexible. Work from home or At The Refuge.

For more information, and to sign up call Art at 609-652-1665, or email [Arthur\\_Webster@fws.gov](mailto:Arthur_Webster@fws.gov)

## WHO'S ON STAFF?

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ART WEBSTER

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JORGE COPPEN, VINNY TURNER

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