



## **Volunteer SeaWatch Migration Monitor** **Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, Maine**

Schoodic Point SeaWatch is seeking a volunteer migration counter for the 2022 fall season - September 1 through November 18th. Schoodic Point is located within walking distance of the Schoodic Institute campus (Schoodic Education and Research Center). Housing is provided on the campus of Schoodic Institute. Housing includes a private bedroom within a shared apartment. The apartment is equipped with a full kitchen, bathroom, and is fully furnished.

The monitor position is responsible for maintaining a daily coverage schedule – the actual hours of which can be variable, but must include a daily stint from just before sunrise to 4 hours after sunrise. The technician is expected to count five or 6 days per week (negotiable). The primary focus is on all waterbirds, however all migrants are to be recorded (passerine and raptor migrations are annually observed here). Preferred applicants will be able to identify all regularly occurring eastern North American bird species and have at least one entire season's experience at an official migration count site. SeaWatch past season counts produced tallies in excess of 40,000 birds (Double-crested Cormorants and Common Eider accounted for roughly 70% of the total). Oddities included jaegers and shearwaters. All three species of scoter can be expected. Species encountered numbered 50 or more.

Other daily duties include entering data onto an Excel spreadsheet, submitting an eBird checklist, posting updates to the institute's website and/or social media venues (in cooperation with the Science Communication team). At the end of the count season, the counter will summarize the data into a seasonal report; a template will be provided as an example.

Weather conditions vary greatly but one should expect cold and wind and be prepared for rain and occasional snow flurries. The counter may reach the count site by walking or using one's own personal vehicle. Groceries can be purchased in Winter Harbor (about 10 minutes from institute campus) or Ellsworth (40-minute drive one way). The count site is a popular destination for watching the sea surf, especially on windy days. The technician should also be prepared to field questions from visitors and to welcome any curious helpers.

Apply to [info@schoodicinstitute.org](mailto:info@schoodicinstitute.org) and [sbenz@schoodicinstitute.org](mailto:sbenz@schoodicinstitute.org).

Application deadline is August 16, 2022.