

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Presents

A Tale of Two Species: The Shorebird-Horseshoe Crab Connection

With John L. Turner
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Each May two very different groups of animals, shorebirds and horseshoe crabs, begin to reappear on Long Island. The crabs move onto the island's sandy beaches to spawn while shorebirds time their migration to feed upon the eggs made available by spawning crabs. Due to the impact of harvesting of horseshoe crabs, their numbers have dramatically declined. As a result, so have populations of shorebirds such as redknots. The program will explore the ecological relationship, not until recently recognized, between these interesting species and discuss how the fate of some shorebirds is tied to that of the horseshoe crab.

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