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BIRD CLUB
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MEMBERS' MEMORIES

Susan Earp

MOS Conference - Ocean City. February 2012: At the winter conference, Wes and I signed up for a field trip to Assateague State Park where we saw a Northern Saw-whet Owl hunkered down in a clump of pines not far from the beach. Additionally, we were able to spend some time watching a Lark Sparrow in some brush near a parking lot and outhouses.

After the convention, we went back to Assateague to do a bit more birding. We visited both the national and state parks but found nothing unusual. As we were about to turn back toward the mainland and home, we noticed something big and white hunkered down at the edge of the thicket next to the road. It was a white morph of a Great Blue Heron, and a very cooperative (photo opportunity) one at that.