

# Shorebird, horseshoe crab connection highlighted in film

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The Delaware Shorebird Project has premiered "Feast on the Beach: The Delaware Bay Horseshoe Crab Shorebird Connection," a film produced to raise awareness and understanding about the ecological connection between horseshoe crabs and shorebirds migrating through the Delaware Bay area, as well as the researchers who study them.

"This new film highlights one of nature's great partnerships that is unique to Delaware: the meeting of migratory shorebirds and spawning horseshoe crabs on our Delaware Bays beaches each spring," said Gov. John Carney.

The film was produced by Michael Oates, who has filmed shorebirds and horseshoe crabs for more than 30 years. He first drew attention to the crisis of overharvesting of horseshoe crabs with his 1999 Emmy-nominated program "Dollars on the Beach." His video footage is also a key element in the hugely successful Green Eggs and Sand curriculum, developed by DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife.

"Feast on the Beach" is at [delmnh.org/feast-on-the-beach](http://delmnh.org/feast-on-the-beach), and the film will be highlighted at the Delaware Museum of Natural History's Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs Day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 11, featuring various activities targeted to families. The museum is located at 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington.

For information, visit <http://bit.ly/2mFZV82>.