



2017 Ernest Oros Wildlife Preserve Bioblitz

Photo: Sunrise at Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve, Omar Ave., Avenel



21 scientists from Rutgers University including faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates identified 388 species of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, insects, fungi, plants, and other organisms. Species were identified in the field, or at a large tented area (Base Camp) containing computers, field guides, microscopes, hand lenses, sorting jars, and plant presses. Some of the scientists camped in the Preserve as well, to perform night surveys and continue processing specimens.

BioBlitz staff conducted 11 nature-based walks and talks, as well as all day events such as bird house painting and a nature themed scavenger hunt. In addition, a variety of organizations provided table displays, including the Rutgers Wildlife Conservation and Management Program, New Jersey Mycological Association, Sustainable Jersey, Woodbridge River Watch, Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission, and The Forest Fire Service administered by the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry.

