

Wildlife Expert to Speak at Globe in Berlin

Join the MCBP Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Speaker's Series and learn about the incredible wildlife on Delmarva through the eyes of Dr. Ron Gutberlet Thursday, February 23 from 5-6 pm at the Globe Theater in Berlin.

Dr. Gutberlet will showcase unique photos of Delmarva's birds, reptiles, and amphibians and discuss population status and habitat needs.

Dr. Gutberlet, an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Salisbury University. He has strong interests in evolutionary biology, citizen science, and the natural history of reptiles, amphibians, and birds. His herpetological research has resulted in the description of several new species and genera of lizards and snakes, methodological developments in phylogenetic analysis, and discoveries about the evolution of pitvipers.

Gutberlet values citizen science as a mechanism for collecting large quantities of valuable data, while providing students and other members of the community opportunities to pursue their curiosity about nature in fun and rewarding ways. He and his students are contributing to the Maryland Amphibian and Reptile Atlas, the Delaware Breeding Bird Atlas, and eBird. He serves as the State eBird Mentor for Maryland and is a member of the Maryland-DC Bird Records Committee. He also enjoys introducing biology to students in the classroom, and in support of that serves as a Course Redesign Scholar for the National Center for Academic Transformation, a Course Redesign Fellow for the University System of Maryland, and an Advisory Board member for the next edition of the textbook Discover Biology

Currently Gutberlet serves as the Vice President of the Tri-County Bird Club, member of the MD eBird Review Team, member of the MOS Research Committee, on the STAC for MD Coastal Bays, and co-coordinator for Wicomico Co for the MD Amphibian and Reptile Atlas project.

Dinner and refreshments are available during the presentation and include a prime rib special and half price bottled wine. Reservations can be made but not required by call the The Globe at 410-641-0784. For more information please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 ext 107.

