

MEET THE 2026 PENNSYLVANIA PIPING PLOVER FEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER!



Dr. Francesca J. Cuthbert received her PhD in Ecology at the University of Minnesota and is currently a Professor Emerita in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and a Scientific Investigator at the University of Michigan Biological Station. For the past 40 years her research has focused on three topics in avian biology and conservation: recovery of federal or state listed species (especially piping plovers); ecology and population dynamics of colonial nesting waterbirds; and ecology and management of abundant species (especially double-crested cormorants). Most of her research involves working closely with federal and state agency biologists to facilitate conservation and management. She has advised more than 50 MS and PhD students. Dr. Cuthbert is a past President of the Waterbird Society, Member of the Waterbird Conservation Council of the Americas and a Fellow in the American Ornithologists' Union.

Join us Saturday, July 18, 2026!
Tom Ridge Environmental Center
Presque Isle State Park
Erie, PA

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