

Crex Meadows Bird Festival

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Birdathon Species List

Pick up a bird checklist and add your sightings to the master checklist to help track the overall number of bird species spotted in Burnett County throughout the month of May.

Time: For duration of event

Presenter: N/A

Location: Visitor Center

Kids Bird Activity Classroom

Join Burnett County Family Resources for a classroom full of fun! Kids will have the opportunity to make crafts, participate in activities, and enjoy a tasty snack!

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Presenter: N/A

Location: Visitor Center (Hallway, Display & Classroom)

Songbird Banding

Join retired WDNR Biologist, Bruce Bacon, as he captures and bands songbirds with mist nets. Participants will be able to hold, release, and photograph the birds.

Time: 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: Retired WDNR Biologist, Bruce Bacon

Location: Visitor Center (Classroom)

Tropical Wings

Join Randy Thoreson, Tropical Wings member and National Park Service staff member, for a presentation about the Tropical Wings organization and the National Park Service sister parks relationship with Costa Rica!

Time: 12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Presenter: Randy Thoreson

Location: Visitor Center (Auditorium)

Falconry in Wisconsin (live bird!)

Join apprentice, Brian Gaskill and master, Ed Henricks for a presentation about falconry in Wisconsin. Brian will even be bringing his bird to show to the audience!

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Presenter: Brian Gaskill

Location: Visitor Center (Auditorium)



Pre-registration Events

Morning Tour

Join local bird experts for a bird tour around Crex Meadows Wildlife Area!

Time: 6:30 am- 8:30 am

Presenters: Jim Hoefler, John Menge, Dick Sandve

Location: Meet at Visitor Center, Tour Wildlife Area

Wildlife Painting Workshop

Learn painting techniques from volunteer Wildlife Artist, Jim Springett during this one day workshop. Participants will sketch, under paint, and paint a drake Mallard with oil paints. Pre-registration required, space limited to 10 adults. Materials supplied, all leftover materials except easel go home with you. **Cost: \$60 per person.** Proceeds will be donated to the Mess Hall Fund.

Bring your own lunch!

Time: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

Presenter: Jim Springett

Location: Visitor Center (Classroom)

Morning Bird ID Hike

Join Wildlife Educator, Lauren Finch, for a mid-morning hike in search of migratory birds! Binoculars provided.

Time: 9:00 am- 11:00 am

Presenter: Lauren Finch

Location: Meet at Visitor Center, Hike Visitor Center Trail

Afternoon Bird ID Hike

Join wildlife educator, Lauren Finch, for a bird identification hike behind the Crex Meadows Wildlife Education and Visitor Center! All skill levels are welcome on the hike, and binoculars will be provided to those who need them.

Time: 3:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Presenter: Lauren Finch

Location: Meet at Visitor Center, Hike Visitor Center Trail