

## International Migratory Bird Day

2013 Theme:

### Life Cycles of Migratory Birds: Conservation Across the Americas!

Come join the fun with the Yellowstone Ranger District, Livingston Adult Community Education, and Links for Learning! Learn more about our fine-feathered friends through *free* lectures and field trips presented by experts in avian resources. This year's theme details all aspects of a migratory bird's life, from nesting and migration to breeding and raising young. Habitat conditions in one season may affect the survival and nesting success of birds in another. From winter habitats to migratory stop over sites and quality nesting sites – all influence nesting success which starts the cycle all over again! Refreshments, including bird-friendly shade-grown coffee and cookies will be served during the evening of lectures. **All IMBD offerings are open to community members of all ages.**

*Free lectures* to be held at Washington School, 315 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Livingston

**Wednesday, May 8 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

#### **LIFE AND TIMES OF A HUMMINGBIRD!**

Presenter: *Neil Travis, Master Permit Holder, Federal Bird Bander*

Don't miss this encore presentation by Neil Travis as he presents his work banding hummingbirds with the Hummingbird Monitoring Network at Saguaro National Park in Arizona. Neil will explain habitat needs of hummingbirds and share how the banding effort is tied to habitat protection and other conservation efforts for hummingbirds! The program will include beautiful photography of most of the species of hummingbirds that are found in the US as well as a series of photographs of the hummingbird banding project. Anyone interested in hummingbirds or bird banding will find this presentation informative and enjoyable!

**Wednesday, May 8 – 8:15-9:15 p.m.**

#### **MONTANA BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS**

Presenter: *Byron Butler, behavioral ecologist/ ornithologist*

In this presentation, Byron explores the diversity of birds across Montana. Montana consists of large, wide geographical areas with ever-changing terrain and varied habitats for wildlife. This presentation will tour Montana to look at the wondrous diversity of birds and their habitats in each region of our great state. Byron will discuss how the distribution of Montana's birds varies with the landscape both east to west and north to south – and explain why some birds are found in some parts of the state and not in others. Join Byron for an educational and inspiring presentation!

*Field trips* will be offered on May 8, May 11, May 17, and May 31. Bring binoculars, field guide, water and snacks, and dress appropriately for short-distance walking and quiet observing. Times are approximate and depend on weather and participant level of interest. The field trips include:

**Wednesday, May 8 – 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

#### **FAMILY BIRD WALK!**

Presenter: *Rachel Feigley, US Forest Service Wildlife Biologist and Links for Learning Staff*

Join us as we walk the Bozeman Connector Trail, looking for and identifying birds, bird sign and bird habitat! This easy nature walk is designed for families with children ages 6 and above. Binoculars helpful but not necessary. No fee. Meet at the Bozeman Trail Connector Trailhead, corner of Star Road and Northern Lights Road for a fun family outing!

**Saturday, May 11 – 7:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

#### **2013 – LIFE CYCLES OF MIGRATORY BIRDS: CONSERVATION ACROSS THE AMERICAS!**

Presenter: *Rachel Feigley, USFS Wildlife Biologist & knowledgeable field guides, including Robin and Richard Wolcott, Sacagawea Audubon Chapter; Peter Feigley of Absaroka Ecological*

*Consulting; Jodie Canfield, Wildlife Biologist; Peter Norlander, Montana Audubon Board; Mitch Hurt and George Kelly, both professional guides and bird enthusiasts*

Join local guides for birding field trips in celebration of International Migratory Bird Day! We will hit birding hot spots on three routes within Park County and try to identify as many species as possible. Options for possible viewing include waterfowl, migratory songbirds, raptors, and shore birds. No fee. Meet at the Yellowstone Ranger District, Livingston Office, 5242 Hwy 89 South.

**Friday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

**SHORT-GRASS PRAIRE BIRDS!**

Presenter: *Beth Madden, Wildlife Biologist and Rachel Feigley, US Forest Service Wildlife Biologist*

Join us for some quality bird watching near Big Timber in short-grass prairie and other unique habitats. We will hit birding hot spots on routes within Sweetgrass County and try to identify as many species as possible. Options for possible viewing include longspurs, sandhill cranes, raptors, waterfowl, and migratory songbirds. No fee. Meet at the Yellowstone Ranger District, Big Timber Office, 225 Big Timber Loop Road.

**Friday, May 31 – 7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

**BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION!**

Presenter: *Neil Travis, Master Permit Holder, Federal Bird Bander*

Come and observe a working bird banding station! Neil is back again and will be banding birds at a local spring creek using mist nets. The technique of bird banding will be demonstrated as participants see birds being removed from the nets, the actual banding process, and observe birds in the hand. Participants may be allowed to hold a living wild bird after it has been banded prior to its release – a great trip for young and old alike! No fee. Meet at the Yellowstone Ranger District, Livingston Office, 5242 Hwy 89 South.

**IMBD offerings are open to community members of all ages. Please sign up for evening lectures and field trips through the Livingston Adult Community Education website @ [www.livingstonace.org](http://www.livingstonace.org). For more information, call Rachel Feigley, Yellowstone District Wildlife Biologist, at 222-1892 or 823-6064 or go to the Gallatin NF website, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gallatin/> !**

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