

Bird Fest 2011

Program Descriptions

FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM:

Spring Bird Migration in Wisconsin's Northwoods – A Phenology and Guide to Attracting Migrants

John Bates

When do migratorial birds arrive? What habitats do they like best? How can you attract them to your backyard? These questions are all part of the study of phenology, or the orderly timing and progression of natural events. And while studying nature's cycles offers a wealth of scientific and educational value, its ultimate value may be in helping you become the best steward of your land.

KEYNOTE:

Migration from the Gulf to Wisconsin

Laura Erickson

From loons to hummingbirds, a host of migrating birds spend time in or over the Gulf of Mexico. How has the BP oil spill affected them?

PM PRESENTATIONS:

Hummingbirds!

Laura Erickson

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are the tiniest birds in Wisconsin, and the birds with the most rapid metabolism. Learn more about how they live, from egg through adulthood, in Wisconsin, in the tropics, and along their migrations.

Whistles, Hoots and Warbles

Terry Dorsey

Terry Dorsey will present a photographically enhanced tour of birds songs. Terry has perfected imitating many of the North woods forest bird calls and songs. With humor and anecdotal comments, he helps the audience learn or remember common birds of the Eastern Forests.

Birds of Legend and Lore

Gwyn Calvetti

Join avid birder and storyteller Gwyn Calvetti to enjoy stories from world folklore, as well as an original tale or two, showing the fascination people have had with our feathered friends throughout the ages. Stories of how the Hermit Thrush got his song or how Red Winged Blackbird earned his red shoulders will be among the tales spun.

