

Enjoy an interactive personal experience with live raptors! Volunteers from The Talon Trust, Inc. will share stories of birds that have been injured and can't survive in the wild, and now serve as ambassadors for their species.

The Talon Trust, Inc. is a local volunteer-based organization dedicated to the conservation of native raptors through rescue, rehabilitation, and education. All donations received by The Talon Trust go to help feed and care for injured raptors

Owl Puke--Yuck! Or Not?

3:00 P.M. —Audubon Museum Nature Center; J. J. Audubon SP; Approx. 45 mins.

The thought of owl puke may seem disgusting, but wait until you see what's inside that lump! These nocturnal hunters seek out all sorts of prey. Discover what critters the owls consider a tasty dinner when you dissect a sterilized owl pellet. You just may be amazed at what you find!

Sunday, April 27

Eagle Slough Natural Area Birding Hike

7:00 A.M. —Meet at the Eagle Slough entrance on Waterworks Rd., just north of Ellis Park; Approx. 2 hrs.

This local urban wetland was recently returned to its natural state. Join us for an early morning birding walk through this 127-acre property. Expect to see a variety of warblers, migratory songbirds, and late shorebirds, including Wood Ducks, Winter Wrens, vireos, thrushes, tanagers, and more. If you have binoculars, bring them along!

Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve Birding Hike (ADA accessible)

1:00 P.M.—Meets in the Nature Center; WWNP is at the back of Wesselman Park, 551 N. Boeke Rd., Evansville, IN; Approx. 1 hr.

This old-growth forest sanctuary boasts many year-round bird species and provides unprecedented stopover habitat for neo-tropical migrants passing through the area.

Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve—Raptor Encounter

2:30 P.M.—Meets at the stage near the raptor cages. WWNP is at the back of Wesselman Park, 551 N. Boeke Rd., Evansville, IN; Approx. 45 minutes

WWNP's Wildlife Curator/Educator, Elaine Kung, will introduce you to a resident raptor. Get an up-close look at this impressive bird of prey! Learn fun facts about raptor anatomy, diet, and their importance to our ecosystem.

For future events, check out the **Evansville Audubon Society** website:

<https://evvaudubon.org/field-trips>.

For information about the local **Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop**, visit their website at:

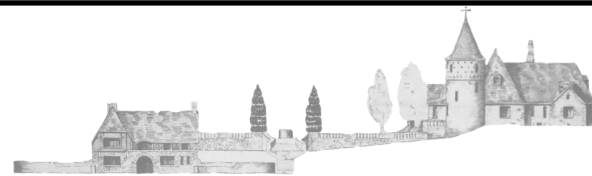
<https://evansville.wbu.com>.

Details about **Smithsonian Bird-Friendly Coffee** can be found at:

<https://willcountyaudubon.illinoisaudubon.org>.

For news and events at **Wesselman Woods**, go to: <https://wesselmanwoods.org>.

Kentucky State Parks information and calendar of events is at: <https://parks.ky.gov>.



The John James Audubon Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of original artwork and artifacts of America's first great artist—**John James Audubon**—who was both a naturalist and an ornithologist.

Museum: (502)782-7918. Find us on Facebook and Instagram.



2025 Schedule of Events

Information can be found at:
evvaudubon.org & parks.ky.gov.

Activities are FREE!

Friday, April 25

Patoka River NWR Birding Hike

7 A.M.—Meets at Boyd Woods, Oakland City, IN

Approx. 2-3 hrs.; Sturdy shoes are recommended.



Join us for a birding walk through Boyd Woods in search of warblers and other migratory songbirds. We'll continue the hike past Snakey Point Marsh for possible views of waterfowl and marsh birds, and end at a little-visited portion of Columbia Mine Preserve to look for grassland sparrows.

Directions: East on SR 64 out of Oakland City 1 mile from SR 357 (Main) to CR 1275E (look for Refuge sign). Turn left. Follow signs to Snakey Point Marsh, continue to parking lot on left at Boyd Woods (Maxey Marsh on the right).



John James Audubon State Park

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Howell Wetlands Birding Hike

5 P.M.—Meets at Howell Wetlands parking lot at 1400 Tekoppel Ave, Evansville, IN; Approx. 2 hrs.



Accompany us on a search for early spring migrants during a walk through this restored wetland park on Evansville's west side. If you have binoculars, bring them along.

Saturday, April 26

Birding at Audubon Wetlands*

7 A.M. —Meets at Audubon Wetlands, across from 790 Wolf Hills Road, Henderson, KY. Approx. 2 hrs.; Wear shoes for marshy conditions.

A wetland property acquisition essentially doubles the size of Audubon State Park. Help us identify this bottomland forest's bird guests. This property has an active Bald Eagle nest.

This hike is dependent upon Ohio River flood stages. If water levels at Evansville surpass 32 ft., please meet at Audubon Park Museum for an alternative hike.

Audubon's Bird Migration Walk*

9 A.M. —Meets at Audubon Museum, John James Audubon State Park; Approx. 1.5 hrs.

The park's Beech-Maple forest is an urban oasis for woodland songbirds and shorebirds. In addition to the seven woodpecker species, several neo-tropical migrants make their home here. Join us as we hope to spot Eastern Bluebirds, Baltimore Orioles, Yellow-Throated and Prothonotary Warblers, Scarlet and Summer Tanagers, Belted Kingfishers, Indigo Buntings, Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds, White-Eyed and Red-Eyed Vireos. New birders are welcome!

**Portions of these hikes may be ADA accessible. Please ask your hike guide for information.*

Family Birding Fun!

10:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.—Audubon Museum

Stop by these educational booths!

Build a Better Nest—Have a look at bird nests from various species and attempt to build your own.

Binoculars 101—Learn how to use binoculars and test your skills at finding our hidden birds.

Be a Bird—Create a bird mask, so you can pretend to be a bird yourself!

Drawing Audubon-style—Watch our staff artist demonstrate the drawing technique of the famed John James Audubon, and try out your own artistic skills.

Birds & Beaks, Words & Wishes—Immerse yourself in the life of John James Audubon through the unique storytelling style of Harmony by Hand's, Susan Fowler.

Upcycled Bird Feeders—Bring your own clean, dry, plastic soda bottle (16.9 oz., 1-liter, or 2-liter) and let the staff of Wild Birds Unlimited help you repurpose it into a functional bird feeder for hours of at-home enjoyment. While supplies last....

This bird feeder activity is graciously supported by the Wild Birds Unlimited store at 5620 E. Virginia St., Evansville, IN.

Free admission to the Audubon Museum throughout the day on April 26!

Hands-on Bird Banding Workshop, with Master Bird Bander, Scott Kramer

10:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M. Stop by anytime! Audubon Museum; J. J. Audubon SP

Help with an ongoing conservation project as we catch, identify, band, and release birds from John James Audubon State Park. Bird banding helps us understand bird migration, behavior, social structure, lifespan and survival rates, and population trends. A great opportunity for seeing feathered friends up close, so bring a camera!

"Planting Natives in Any Sized Plot or Pot," presented by Sharon Sorenson

11:00 A.M.—Audubon Museum,

J.J. Audubon SP; Approx. 1 hr.

When lightning destroyed the front yard's old oak tree, Sharon Sorenson re-landscaped with all native plants. She learned, however, that not all natives are created equal. Fortunately, her efforts ended well, significantly increasing birds and butterflies in the yard. But then she moved. There, with only a 10' x 12' patio for "gardening," she was forced to face the fact that many natives that grew beautifully in the yard wouldn't work at all in pots. But which ones would? The ultimate results will surely make you smile and inspire you to launch your own native garden--no matter the size of your space!

Sharon Sorenson is an author and presenter who, along with her husband-photographer Charles, present delightful insights into the avian world. A handy reference, her recent book Planting Native to Attract Birds to Your Yard, along with her two bird books, will be available for purchase.

"Bird Friendly Coffee and You," presented by Greg DuBois, Will County IL Audubon Society. 12:30 P.M.—Audubon Museum, J. J. Audubon SP; Approx. 1 hr.

Greg will share a brief history of coffee consumption and production, along with some shocking facts about the decline of migratory birds in North America. What's the connection? Discover the details through the Smithsonian Bird Friendly Coffee Program and you'll soon know what you can do to protect migratory birds. Hint: It is One Cup at a Time!

Greg DuBois is the program director for Will County Audubon, a chapter of Illinois Audubon. He is active in both organizations, and serves as a volunteer bird monitor for the US Forest Service at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie south of Joliet, IL and volunteers for the Bird Conservation Network. He's a grassroots proponent of Smithsonian Certified Bird Friendly Coffee.

"Raptors Wild!" presented by The Talon Trust, Inc.

2:00 P.M.—Audubon Museum, J. J. Audubon SP; Donations accepted for The Talon Trust; Approx. 1 hr.

