

songbirds, and late shorebirds, including Wood Ducks, Winter Wrens, vireos, thrushes, tanagers, and more. If you have binoculars, bring them along.

### **Family Birding Fun**

**11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.; Stop by anytime!**  
**Audubon Museum; J.J. Audubon SP**

**Bird Behavior Scavenger Hunt**—Observing birds in the wild is fun but takes some patience and skill. Bird behaviors are plentiful and may vary from species to species. Take our scavenger hunt challenge and look carefully while you're here. How many bird behaviors can you find?

**Person-Banding Station**—Understand more about the bird banding process by creating your own unique color-banded identification bracelet. What story will your person-band tell?

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

**11:30 A.M. --1 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!

### **Beginner Nature Photography Seminar**

**12:30 P.M.—Audubon Museum, J.J. Audubon SP; Approx. 1.5 hrs.**

One of the keys to great nature photography is

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choosing the right camera settings. Join us for a beginner's seminar for improving your nature photos! We'll share some basic tips for making the most of your camera, then take it outdoors to apply these techniques for a photo shoot within the park. Bring a digital camera or cell phone with you.

### **Park Raptors Meet & Greet**

**2:00 P.M.—Audubon Museum Theater, J.J. Audubon SP; Approx. 45 mins.**

Having non-releasable live birds of prey as educational ambassadors has been a long-standing tradition at Audubon Park. Our park naturalists will share our birds with you in this up-close "Meet & Greet." Hear personal stories and learn of their incredible adaptations!



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

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

For **State Park** program information, please visit: <https://www.parks.ky.gov>

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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.

Please call (270)826-2247 for Museum information.



## 2023 Schedule of Events

Information can be found at:

[evvaudubon.org](http://evvaudubon.org) & [parks.ky.gov](http://parks.ky.gov).

Activities are **FREE**, unless otherwise stated!

### **Friday, April 28**

#### **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 and follow signs to Snakey Point Marsh and continue on to parking lot on left at Boyd Woods (Maxey Marsh on the right).



## **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 29**

### **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! (Members of Evansville Audubon Society's [Junior Birders](#) will assist with this hike.)

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

## **Family Birding Fun!**

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

***Make-N-Take "Birdnoculars"***--These fun little paper creations will keep young eyes focused on spotting skills and develop hand-eye coordination. Get your kids well on their way toward exploring nature and becoming birdwatchers!

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### **"Helping Bluebirds Survive and Thrive" presented by bluebird authority, Bob Peak**

**11:30 A.M.—Audubon Museum, J.J. Audubon SP; Approx. 30-40 mins.**



Having established bluebird trails in Audubon Park, Land Between the Lakes, Lake Barkley SRP, and other counties in KY and TN, Bob Peak has volunteered many years of his life to assisting populations of Eastern Bluebirds and other cavity-nesting species. The invaluable data he collects assists avian researchers with continued studies of our native birds. Join us for this informative look at bluebird monitoring projects.

### **Building the Xbox Nest Box**

**12:15 P.M.—Audubon Museum, J.J. Audubon SP; Approx. 30-45 mins. Cost: \$15/box, preregistration recommended**

Give a helping hand to the survival of bird species in your area! Try out your carpentry skills by building a nest box to enhance cavity-nester habitat. Bob Peak and park naturalists will assist you during this hands-on workshop.

Participant space is limited—reserve your \$15 nest box kit by contacting the Audubon Museum at (502)782-7918. Pay in person prior to the workshop. "No-show" reservations will be released at 12:15 P.M. to anyone waiting.

## **"Raptors Wild!" presented by The Talon Trust**

**1:30 P.M. --Friends of Audubon Meeting Room, J. J. Audubon SP; Donations accepted for The Talon Trust; Approx. 1 hr.**

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?**

**2:45 P.M. --Audubon Museum Nature Center, J. J. Audubon SP; Approx. 1 hr.**

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 30**

### **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