



# Blue Jay Point County Park's Songbird Celebration

22nd Annual!

Saturday, April 27, 2019 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (plus some "early bird" hikes!)

Bring your family to a FREE Songbird Celebration at Blue Jay Point County Park! This year we are observing the World Migratory Bird Day theme "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!" spotlighting the impact of plastic pollution on migratory birds and their habitats. Come see how we incorporate that theme as you enjoy bird-related activities throughout the park. This is a great outing for individuals, families, scouts and other youth groups. Mr. Puebla Tacos and Kona Ice food trucks will be on hand or pack a picnic lunch!

For more information about how the day works or to volunteer—this is an excellent opportunity for scout groups or teens needing community service hours—contact us using the info at the bottom of this page. All volunteers must register in advance!

*All Songbird Celebration classes, hikes and activities are free!*

Register ONLINE for the following free classes and hikes—type SC: in the Activity search box. Remaining spaces will be available at the SC Information Tent.

The following Songbird Celebration activities are drop-in - come and go as you please, and join the fun!

### For adults and teens only—

#### Adult Bird Hike: 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Join NC State Park I & E Specialist Brian Bockhahn on a hike to locate spring migrants through bird song and observation. Enjoy a cup of shade-grown coffee when you get back!

### For preteens and teens (ages 11-15)—

#### Songbird CSI 1:15 - 2 p.m.

Light as a feather, but stiff as a board—enter our "laboratory" and help identify the victims. These victims are no ordinary stuffed birds, but study skins used by museums around the world to help scientists solve the mysteries of bird populations. These birds won't divulge their secrets easily, so get ready to get up close and personal! For teens earning the Environment for the Americas Stewardship Patch or for those who just want to learn more about birds.

### For kids (ages 6-12) —

#### Habitat Hopscotch 11 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 - 1 p.m.

Discover the challenges and perils faced by migratory birds as we talk about their habitats and what they need to survive the long migration journey. We'll play a game of habitat hopscotch and see who makes it home!

### For preschoolers (and parent)—

#### Nature Stories: Feathers for Lunch 10:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn about common backyard birds as you listen to this entertaining story of a cat unsuccessfully trying to catch a bird for lunch. Make your own puppets to act out the story.

#### Nature Stories: Flight of the Fledgling 12:30 - 1 p.m. or 1 - 1:30 p.m.

Listen to a story about a Kestrel trying its wings for an exciting first flight in busy New York City. You'll get to dress up and try YOUR wings too!

### For families of all ages—

#### Family Bird Hike: 10 - 10:45 a.m. or 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Start your family on the track of a lifetime hobby by taking a trek around Blue Jay with NC State Park I & E Specialist Brian Bockhahn in search of our springtime bird residents!

#### Family Osprey Hike: 10 - 10:45 a.m. or 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Join a park ranger from the US Army Corps of Engineers for a short hike down the Sandy Point Trail to observe a man-made osprey nesting platform and this year's avian inhabitants.

#### Wake Audubon Family Bird Hikes: Noon - 12:45 p.m. or 1 - 1:45 p.m.

Join members of Wake Audubon for a family bird hike around Blue Jay. Be sure to stop by the Wake Audubon booth for great information and a peek at their bird related merchandise!

#### Wake Audubon Bluebird Hike: 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Learn about how the Eastern Bluebird populations have been brought back from the brink by Citizen Science efforts like those at Blue Jay as you scope out the Bluebird Trail and take a peek into a nest box or two.

### 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.—Shade-grown Coffee Hour on the EE Center porch

Enjoy a cup of coffee on us - find out why "shade-grown" is better for birds.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.— Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution! Try your hand at making "plarn" (yarn made out of plastic grocery bags) and help with a community weaving project while you learn simple but meaningful actions you can take to help birds.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.—Plastic, Not so Fantastic—Join us for some activities displaying a bird digestive system and interactive model! We will learn about the dangers and longevity of plastics in the environment, as well as what you can do at home to help.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.— Raptor Presentation Come by for a close-up look at one of Master Falconer Bill Davis's big beautiful birds of prey and learn about how raptors "earn a living"!

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.— Bird-themed displays, games, & activities for all ages in the Blue Jay Garden.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.— CLAWS Inc. Visit amazing birds of prey and learn about the rescue, rehab and education work done by this local organization.

11:30 - 11:45 and 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. —Rockin' Robin Parade Join Blue Jay's Miss Dana in a rollicking parade around Songbird Celebration! If you have a bird costume, or bird t-shirt—wear them! Or visit the Raptor Wings booth before the parade to make your own.

Noon - 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. — Family Bird Bingo Play Bingo for bird-themed prizes. Everyone welcome!

Scouts, Y-Dads & Families take note!

## Special Challenge for 2019!

In keeping with this year's theme

### "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution"

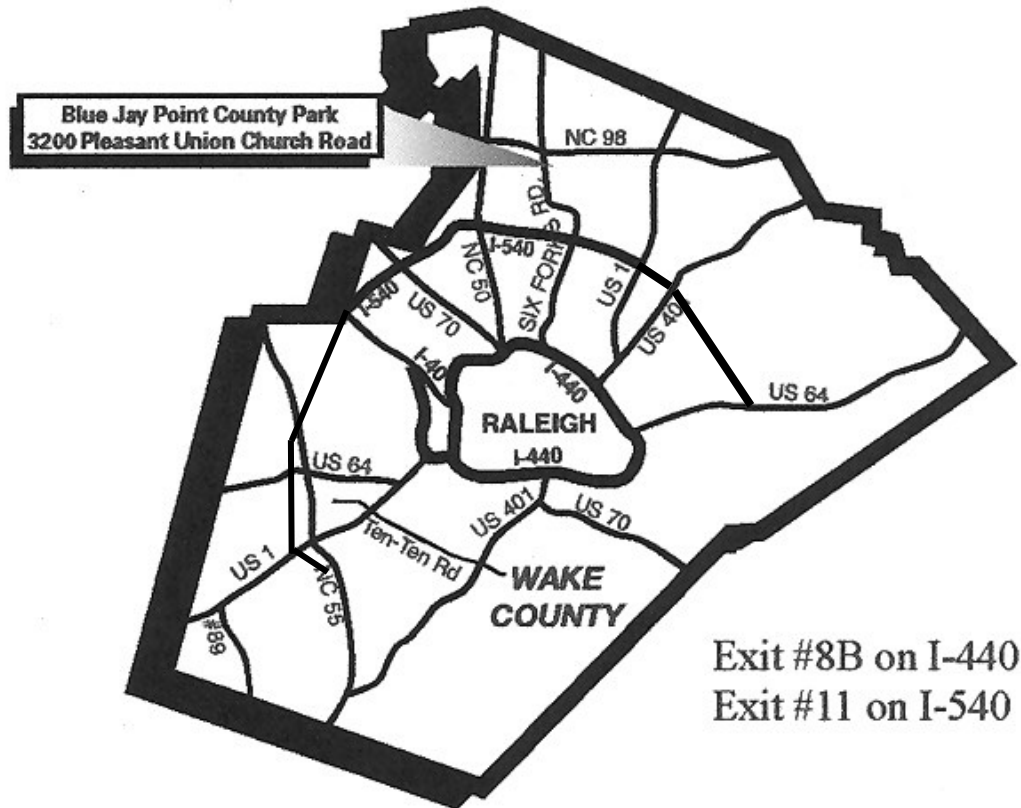
we have a special challenge for Songbird participants! Pick up a Songbird Celebration Migration Pass at the Information Tent on the front walk to the Education Center. Complete a series of fun walk-up activities, attend any organized class or hike throughout the day and then turn in your completed Migration Pass at the Information Tent to receive an official Songbird Celebration embroidered patch, or other small prize of your choice.

This flyer is available for download on our website under "Calendar of Events"—

<http://www.wakegov.com/parks/bluejay>



Blue Jay Point County Park is located  
9.1 miles N of the I-440 beltline or  
3.5 miles N of the I-540 beltline & Six Forks Rd  
interchange— directions are available at  
<http://www.wakegov.com/parks/bluejay>



### **Insiders Guide to Songbird Celebration**

- ◆ Songbird Celebration is especially appropriate for ages 3 and up!
- ◆ By the Friday before Songbird Celebration, take a look at the many scheduled age-appropriate classes and hikes listed on the other side of this sheet. Sign up online for the ones you like! (remaining spaces will be available for sign up at the Information Tent on the day of the event).
- ◆ Bring your travel mug to Songbird Celebration to enjoy free Shadegrown Coffee that morning!
- ◆ Upon arrival at Songbird Celebration, check in at the Information Tent on the front walk of the Education Center. Pick up a Migration Pass for each youngster in your family. Upon completion of all 12 fun and educational required Migration Pass activities, kids can select an embroidered Songbird Celebration patch or another small gift for free.
- ◆ SOME fun and educational walk-up activities will be available to do starting at 10 a.m. with many more available at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Use baby backpacks on bird hikes rather than strollers please!
- ◆ Bring a picnic lunch or try out the Mr. Puebla Taco or Kona Ice Food Trucks.
- ◆ Bring your camera—there will be lots of photo ops!
- ◆ Songbird Celebration takes place OUTSIDE—unless it is wet—in which case we hold a modified version of the event inside the Education Center.
- ◆ Come prepared to have a great time!
- ◆ Questions? Contact us at [bluejaypoint@wakegov.com](mailto:bluejaypoint@wakegov.com) or call (919) 870-4330.