



Blue Jay Point County Park's Songbird Celebration

21th Annual!

Saturday, April 28, 2018 11 a.m.—3 p.m. (with some “early bird” hikes!)

Bring your family to a FREE **Songbird Celebration** at Blue Jay Point County Park! This year we are observing **World Migratory Bird Day**, highlighting the work of partners across the globe unifying voices for bird conservation. Since 2018 is the **Year of the Bird**, we are celebrating ways we can help protect birds every day of the year. 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. **El Rey del Taco Food Truck and Kona Ice 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!

NEW! 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)—

Fowl Play 1:15-2 p.m.

Love a good mystery? Then help us solve why the wood ducks have been disappearing. We'll learn to think like a wildlife manager as we use different techniques to study wildlife populations and find the cause of this most fowl puzzle.

For kids (ages 6-12) —

Nature's Clean-up Crew 11 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30-1 p.m.

Do you love road kill?! Well vultures sure do! Come learn about the gross but still very cool world of vultures, nature's own clean-up crew.

For preschoolers (and parent)—

Nature Stories: The Little Red Hen 11-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-Noon

Learn the value of teamwork as you enjoy this classic European tale of the hen that grows wheat to make a cake. Try your hand at grinding wheat and doing some simple chores before sampling some tasty pound cake.

Nature Stories: Cuckoo: A Mexican Folktale Noon-12:30 p.m. or 12:30-1p.m.

In this retelling of an old Mexican tale, Cuckoo is beautiful, but lazy. She never does her share of work — that is, until a field fire threatens the season's seed crop and Cuckoo is the only one who can save it. Will she risk her lovely feathers by flying through the flames? Come find out and then make your own rainbow-colored bird to take home.

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 Ranger Brian Bockhahn in search of our springtime bird residents!

Osprey Hike: 10-11a.m. or 11a.m.-Noon

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.— Every Day There's a Way! Do a short scavenger hunt to learn simple but meaningful actions you can take to help birds. Select your choice of beautiful bird posters when you are done!

10 a.m.-3 p.m.—Love Blooms—A pair of new activities featuring amazing bird courtship behaviors. Try your hand at Building the Best Nest and Creating the Prettiest Plumage!

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, and 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 great rescue, rehab and education work done by this local organization.

11:30-Noon and 1:30-2 p.m. —Bird Olympics

Try out some familiar field day type games with a bird twist—owl tosses, egg-and-spoon races and the ever popular shade-grown coffee sack race!

Noon-12:30 p.m. and 2:00-2:30 p.m. — Birdhouse Walk Like a cakewalk, except for birdhouses and bird-themed prizes! For all ages!

Scouts, Y-Dads & Families take note!

Special Challenge for 2018!

In keeping with this year's theme

“Year of the Bird”

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>

