

World Migratory Bird Day 2026

"Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!"

Schedule of Events

World Migratory Bird Day Kickoff Event

Elmaro Vineyard

May 8th | Social. 5:30–6:30 pm | Program: 6:30 pm

Join us as Craig Thompson, President of the Driftless Birds and retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, gives a program about Wisconsin birds. Craig's 30+ year career focused on migratory bird conservation. Craig is an enthusiastic birder and has a wealth of knowledge, you won't want to miss his presentation! *This event is sponsored by the Friends of Trempealeau Refuge. No registration is required.

World Migratory Bird Day Festival

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

May 9th | 7:00 am to 12:30 pm

Highlights

- Guided Early Bird Hikes | 7:00 am and 9:00 am | Guided bird hikes at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Take an early morning walk with an experienced birder to see who's flitting around early in the morning! Duration: approximately 1.5 hours
- Guided Photography Hike | 9:00 am | Calling all photography enthusiasts! Join a refuge volunteer on a photography nature hike! Explore the beauty of nature through your lens! The hike is open to all levels, from beginners to experienced photographers, and is a great opportunity to practice your skills and capture stunning images. Duration: approximately 1 hour

Registration is required for guided hikes.

To register, please call 608-539-2311 x2 or email dana_schelling@fws.gov

- Bird Banding Demonstrations | 8:00 – 11:00 am | Watch how wild birds are banded and recorded for research purposes. | Near the Woods Trail

At the Observation Deck Area

- Kids Craft Station | 9:00 – 11:00 am | Join a refuge volunteer for a fun and easy craft. This activity is for the whole family.
- Macroinvertebrates | 9:00 – 11:00 am | Join Nora and Delaney from Happy Dancing Turtle to learn about common freshwater macroinvertebrates.
- Informational Booths | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm | Connect with local organizations as they share information about the amazing work they are doing along the River. Village of Trempealeau - Wisconsin Bird City, Driftless Birds, Audubon Upper Mississippi River, Trempealeau Public Library, Friends of Trempealeau NWR and the National Eagle Center. There will be book giveaways, a native plants garden raffle, and more!

At the Outdoor Wonders Learning Center

- River Valley Raptors Inc. Booth | 9:00 – 11:00 am | Abbey Krumrie will have live raptors that she has rehabilitated and answer questions about these amazing birds. | The booth will be located outside of the building.
- River Valley Raptors Presentation | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Learn what a raptor is and see them up close! Join Abbey Krumrie, from River Valley Raptors Inc. for a fun and informative raptor program.



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