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## Yellowstone National Park News Release

### Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day in Yellowstone with Free Programs

Yellowstone National Park and the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day Saturday, May 14, with free public programs and a field trip.

A bird-watching car caravan is set for Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon inside the park. Those interested in participating should meet at the Madison Junction picnic area. Caravan riders are reminded they will need to pay the \$30 park entrance fee.

Saturday afternoon between 1 and 4 p.m., the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, Montana, will host a live raptor program and a presentation on common birds of the area. Children of all ages can participate in a variety of programs, crafts and activities, including making bird masks, origami, and a migration game called "It's a Risky Journey."

Many migratory birds arrive in the park this time of year. The Yellowstone Bird Program monitors this flurry of activity. Since record keeping began in 1872, nearly 300 bird species have been sighted including warblers, flycatchers, and some sparrows. Many species use the protected habitat in the park as part of their migration route. Data from 1999-2014 is available at [go.nps.gov/yellbirdreports](http://go.nps.gov/yellbirdreports).

While bird-watching, remember to view birds from a distance. Getting too close can stress a bird and sometimes cause it to abandon its nest. The use of audio bird calls or any other wildlife call is illegal in the park. Never feed birds or other park wildlife. Thank you for keeping wildlife wild!

For further information, call National Park Service volunteer Katy Duffy at 307-699-2696.

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