LAURA ERICKSON has been a scientist, teacher, writer, wildlife rehabilitator, professional blogger, public speaker, photographer and Science Editor at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She has written eleven books about birds and has been producing the long-running “For the Birds” radio program for public radio since 1986 – and more recently as a podcast available on iTunes. In 2014, Laura was honored as a recipient of the American Birding Association’s prestigious Roger Tory Peterson Award for her contributions to the advancement of the cause of birding.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LAURA ERICKSON, PLEASE VISIT WWW.LAURAERICKSON.COM

At times hilarious, heartbreaking and uplifting, Laura recounts her experiences with various bird species during her time as a federal- and state-licensed wildlife rehabilitator, and how different wild birds deal with temporary captivity in their own special ways.

SATURDAY, MAY 25 ONLY

9-10 a.m. Children’s Bird Walk at Pettengill Farm
A shorter, easier bird walk designed for young birdwatchers, led by birding expert, author and educator, Laura Erickson.

3-5 p.m. Wolfe’s Neck Center Outing
Join local birding experts on this waterfront farm, where you’ll hike along salt marshes and riverbanks in search of wading birds, seabirds and songbirds. Follow signs to the meeting location.

7-8:30 p.m. Bat & Owl Prowl at Mast Landing Sanctuary
Maine Audubon staff naturalist Doug Hitchcox will lead this nighttime tour, using special acoustic equipment to help you look and listen for bats, barred owls, ovenbirds, hermit thrush and more.

SUNDAY, MAY 26 ONLY

3-5 p.m. Tidebrook Birding Outing
This very special 44-acre site, managed by the Freeport Conservation Trust, is located at the end of a peninsula that features diverse habitats, including spectacular shoreline on the Harraseeket River. A new addition to this year’s festival, we’re excited to see what species we can identify.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRESENTERS FROM

Ray Brown’s Talkin’ Birds

L.L. Bean

95 Main Street | Freeport, Maine

All activities are free unless otherwise noted. Activities and times are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Please call 1-877-755-2326 for updates or follow @llbeanfreeport on Twitter
2019 BIRDING FESTIVAL EVENTS
PRESENTED BY L.L.BEAN AND MAINE AUDUBON

FRIDAY · MAY 24
7-8 p.m. Laura Erickson: Close Encounters of the Bird Kind
Birding Renaissance woman, Laura Erickson, shares tales of her time as a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. See inside panel for more details. CAMPING ATRIUM

9 a.m.-Noon Birds of Casco Bay Boat Trip, $75
Join Captain Peter Milholland from Seacoast Tours of Freeport on a scenic birding tour through Casco Bay, where you’ll explore hidden coves and bays in search of seabirds. Space is limited — advance registration is required. Visit maineaudubon.org to sign up.

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Kids’ Crafts with Julie Yeo
Make a hummingbird sculpture that you can bring home. DISCOVERY LOBBY

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bird Sketching with Michael Boardman
Perfect for all ages, this workshop will introduce you to the basic concepts of drawing birds. All supplies are provided. CAMPING ATRIUM

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids’ Crafts with Julie Yeo
Make a hummingbird sculpture that you can bring home. DISCOVERY LOBBY

1-2 p.m. Maine Bird Atlas with Doug Hitchcox, Staff Naturalist at Maine Audubon
The Maine Bird Atlas was created to help document all the birds that call Maine home. Doug Hitchcox, a staff member for the project, will discuss the importance of the Atlas and how you can help support it. To learn more, visit maine.gov/birdatlas CAMPING ATRIUM

2-3 p.m. Birding by Ear with Jerry Berrier of birdblind.org
Sight-impaired birder Jerry Berrier will teach you techniques for remembering and identifying birds by songs and calls — a helpful skill that will highly improve your birding. CAMPING ATRIUM

3-4 p.m. Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night with Center for Wildlife
Learn about the variety of New England owl species, their habitats, diets, calls and tips on how to spot them in the wild. Live owls will be on hand to show off their special adaptations for night hunting. MAIN ST. PATIO

4-6 p.m. Seeing Seabirds with Chewonki Foundation
Explore the biology and conservation of seabirds with an experienced guide. CAMPING ATRIUM

6-6:45 p.m. Matt Young: Finch Irruptions of the Northeast
Join Matt Young, Collections Management Leader at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s renowned Macaulay Library — the world’s premier scientific archive of natural history audio, video, and photographs — as he speaks to irregular migration patterns found in finches, with a focus on the natural history of the Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak. CAMPING ATRIUM

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids’ Crafts, with Julie Yeo
Make an owl sculpture that you can bring home. DISCOVERY LOBBY

10:30-11:30 a.m. Fur, Feathers & Feet: An Introduction to Birds and Mammals with Chewonki Foundation
In addition to Chewonki’s live, non-releasable birds and mammals, you’ll get the chance to handle and examine beak, foot and feather specimens to get a closer look at each animal’s special adaptations, learning about how they differ and what ties them together. MAIN ST. PATIO

SATURDAY · MAY 25
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monhegan Island Birding Hike, $192
CAMPING ATRIUM

8-9 a.m. Owls of Monhegan Island with Chewonki Foundation
Join a birding guide from Chewonki for an early morning hike on Monhegan Island, where you will observe owls and other birds that prefer the cooler, moister atmosphere of the island. CAMPING ATRIUM

9 a.m.-Noon Birds of Casco Bay Boat Trip, $75
SEE SATURDAY FOR DETAILS.

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bird Games and Information with Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Check out educational materials, get suggestions for bird watching and feeding, and find lots of fun activities for kids. DISCOVERY LOBBY

10-11 a.m. Maine Birds of Prey with Center for Wildlife
Using live birds, posters and hands-on materials, representatives with Center for Wildlife will discuss the kinds of birds of prey found in Maine, their habitats, habits, place in the food chain, and why we need to protect them. MAIN ST. PATIO

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Birding by Ear with Jerry Berrier of birdblind.org
Sight-impaired birder Jerry Berrier will teach you techniques for remembering and identifying birds by songs and calls — a helpful skill that will highly improve your birding. CAMPING ATRIUM

12:30-1:30 p.m. Birding Hike, $159
Monhegan Island
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

1:30-2:30 p.m. Birds of Casco Bay Boat Trip, $75
SEE SATURDAY FOR DETAILS.

2-3 p.m. Birding Hike, $159
Monhegan Island
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

3-4 p.m. Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night with Center for Wildlife
Learn about the variety of New England owl species, their habitats, diets, calls and tips on how to spot them in the wild. Live owls will be on hand to show off their special adaptations for night hunting. MAIN ST. PATIO

4-6 p.m. Seeing Seabirds with Chewonki Foundation
Explore the biology and conservation of seabirds with an experienced guide. CAMPING ATRIUM

5-6:45 p.m. Birds of Monhegan Island with Chewonki Foundation
See inside panel for details.

6:45-7:15 p.m. Birds of Monhegan Island with Chewonki Foundation
See inside panel for details.

7-8:30 p.m. Birds of Monhegan Island with Chewonki Foundation
See inside panel for details.

8:30-9:30 p.m. Birds of Monhegan Island with Chewonki Foundation
See inside panel for details.

Plus, don’t miss FREE guided outings all weekend. See inside panel for details.