

BIRDING FESTIVAL

MAY 24-26 FREEPORT, MAINE



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Bring the whole flock for a weekend filled with family-friendly events and activities for birders of all skill levels, interests and ages.



GUIDED OUTINGS

Visit llbean.com/birding for directions

Transportation is not available for these events. Please meet at the specified locations. Sorry, pets are not allowed on outings.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • MAY 25-26

7-9 a.m. Florida Lake Outing

Local birding experts will guide you through this Freeport park, an excellent habitat for waterfowl and over 150 species of birds, including swallows, warblers, heron, osprey and scarlet tanagers.

7-9 a.m. Pettengill Farm Birding Outing

Join local birding experts at this 19th-century saltwater farm, located on the estuary of the Harraseeket River. We identified 52 songbirds and shorebirds during previous outings, including snowy egret, chestnut-sided warbler, bobolink and indigo bunting.

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.



Featured Guest Speaker
LAURA ERICKSON

FRIDAY, MAY 24 • 7-8 p.m.



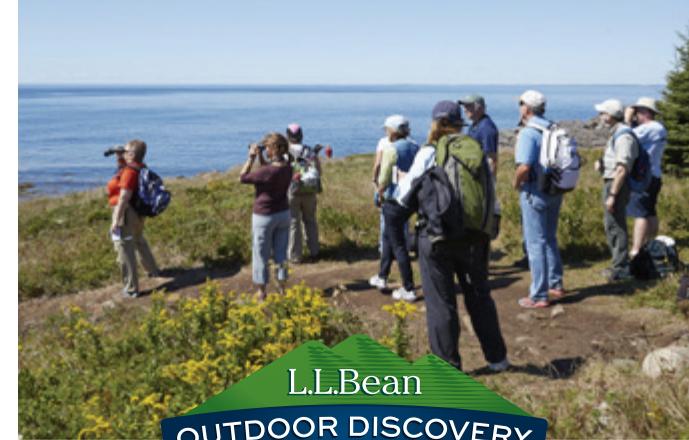
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE BIRD KIND

Camping Atrium, L.L.Bean Flagship Store

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.

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



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OUTDOOR DISCOVERY PROGRAMS

MONHEGAN ISLAND BIRDING HIKE, \$159

SATURDAY, MAY 25 • 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Experience a unique view into bird migration, as you hike along the highest ocean bluffs on the New England coastline. Located 12 miles off the mainland, Monhegan Island is among the nation's most stunning places and a premier birding destination. Its small size and isolated location, home to acres of protected forests and marshes, provide a welcome respite for migrating birds. Cost of outing includes parking fee, ferry admission and a picnic lunch. Participants should arrive at the ferry in New Harbor by 8 a.m.

Space is limited – advance registration is required. For more details and to sign up, visit llbean.com/adventure

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRESENTERS FROM

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

RAY BROWN'S TALKIN' BIRDS

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

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2019 BIRDING FESTIVAL EVENTS

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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

SATURDAY - MAY 25

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monhegan Island

Birding Hike, \$159 SEE BACK PANEL FOR DETAILS.

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. 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 from the 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.-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

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

SUNDAY - MAY 26

9 a.m.-Noon Birds of Casco Bay Boat Trip, \$75

SEE SATURDAY FOR DETAILS.

9-10 a.m. Birders' Social

An informal gathering of fellow birders, hosted by Robin Robinson, founder and administrator of the Maine BIRDS Facebook page! Share birding stories, photos, tips and favorite spots in a relaxed setting while enjoying snacks and beverages. DISCOVERY LOBBY

9:30-10 a.m. Ray Brown's Talkin' Birds LIVE Broadcast

Listen to and participate in a live broadcast of *Ray Brown's Talkin' Birds'* radio show – a lively, educational and interactive program that appeals to birders and nonbirders alike. DISCOVERY LOBBY

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bird Games and Information with Cornell Lab of Ornithology

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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

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids' Crafts, with Julie Yeo

Make an owl sculpture that you can bring home. DISCOVERY LOBBY

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Bird Comics Workshop with Rosemary Mosco

Acclaimed comic artist Rosemary Mosco, co-writer of the New York Time's Best Seller, *The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid*, will teach you about drawing and writing comics, help you discover the funny side of nature, and guide you through creating a comic of your own. CAMPING ATRIUM

1-2 p.m. Owls of Maine with Chewonki Foundation

Using Chewonki's live, non-releasable owls as examples, this interactive program will explore the different appearances, calls and adaptations of these nocturnal hunters. You'll also be able to handle and examine unique talon, wing and skull specimens. MAIN ST. PATIO

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

