May 11-13, 2018
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St. Croix Flyway Bird Migration Celebration

**Minnesota Interstate State Park**
Taylors Falls, MN
Saturday, May 12
10 am - *Kids, Birds and Binoculars* What was that!? Join the naturalist as we solve the mystery of which backyard bird is which through games and a scavenger hunt. We’ll even make simple cardboard binoculars you can take home. All ages are welcome, but it is best suited for ages 5-10. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the stone picnic shelter in the park’s river picnic grounds.

**Gateway Trail**
Gateway Trail/HWY 96 Crossing
Saturday, May 12
Bird Walk: We will leave the parking lot at 7a.m. and return to the starting point at 8 a.m. We will identify as many species as we can by sight and sound during the hour. Bring binoculars if you have them. Drizzle or light rain is OK, but the walk will be cancelled if it’s very windy or significant precipitation is likely. Questions? Contact Bob Bystrom at robertbystrom1@gmail.com

**Belwin Conservancy**
1553 Stagecoach Trail So., Afton
Sunday, May 13
6:45-9 AM - *Mother’s Day Hike*
Join us for a delightful guided hike at Belwin Conservancy’s Education Property. This property is used by the St. Paul Public Schools and is open to the public only for special programs and our Open Third Saturdays for members. We will walk along wetlands, streams, prairies and an oak savanna restoration in progress. There are stunning vistas and of course, a plethora of birds! Hope to see you there!
Questions? Call 651.436.5189 ext. 16

**Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center**
200 Monroe Street, Prescott
Saturday, May 13
Join a naturalist for “Birding from the Bluff Tops” at Freedom Park in Prescott, WI, where the Mighty Mississippi River meets the Wild and Scenic St. Croix River in the heart of the Mississippi River Flyway. Learn about the importance of healthy local habitats for birds and wildlife, including designated Important Bird Areas, and how you can help our neotropical migratory birds. Enjoy hands-on Art + Nature activities, including making your very own mixed media art piece on canvas; take a hike; and enjoy a bird-themed StoryWalk in Freedom Park.

**The Phipps Center for the Arts**
109 Locust Street, Hudson
Friday, May 11
**Celebrate 2018 the Year of the Bird!**
6:30 pm - Reception with refreshments and silent auction. Get your photo taken with a live peregrine falcon and view the 2018 Youth Art Exhibition!
7:30 pm - Year of the Bird Program featuring humorist and storyteller Al Batt, presentation of Bird City Wisconsin, and performance of an original song by RiverCrest Elementary students.

**Carpenter Nature Center**
(Wisconsin Campus)
300 East Cove Road, Hudson
Saturday, May 12
8 am - *Early Morning Bird Walk* led by St. Croix Valley Bird Club
8 - 11 am - *Bird Banding Demonstrations*
9 am - 12 noon - Self-guided nature hikes, children’s activities, and welcome tent with information on birds and habitat
11 am - *Guided nature hike and habitat talk* by Jyneen Thatcher

All events are free and open to the public. For more info, visit www.tropicalwings.org.