



# Stikine River Birding Festival

## April 30-May 3, 2015

### Schedule of Events

#### **Festival Week**

##### ***Available - Charter Tours on the Stikine River***

Take a jet boat ride to enjoy wildlife and bird viewing in the beautiful setting of the Stikine-LeConte Wilderness. Contact local charter operators or the Wrangell CVB at 800-367-9745.

##### ***Name That Tweet!***

Tune in to KSTK 101.7 all week to listen for the featured bird song and "Name that Tweet" to win a prize!

##### ***Photo Contest***

Start taking photos! For detailed photo contest rules, go to [www.stikinebirding.org](http://www.stikinebirding.org). Entries due at the Nolan Center by **5:00pm, Wednesday, April 29, 2015**. Winners announced during the May 1<sup>st</sup> Reception.

##### ***Art Contests***

This year's festival features art contests for both youth and adults. All entries are due **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Contest rules and entry forms at [www.stikinebirding.org](http://www.stikinebirding.org). All entries will be displayed and winners announced during the May 1<sup>st</sup> Reception.

#### **Thursday - April 30**

##### ***5:00 pm JOM Fundraiser Potluck & Performance***

Join us for dinner, followed by a Johnson O'Malley shadow box theater performance. JOM will be fundraising to attend a native youth dance celebration this summer. Soup, fry bread and beverages provided. Potluck dishes welcome!  
Location: SNO Building; Donation: \$10

#### **Friday – May 1**

##### ***6:00 pm Introduction to Birding***

Gwen Baluss from the Juneau Ranger District will help us hone our birding skills. We also encourage our local skilled birders to join us to share their knowledge!

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

##### ***7:00 pm Birding Festival Reception***

Stop by and admire the artwork entered into this year's contests. Art and photo contest winners will be announced.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

##### ***7:30 pm The Impacts of Plastic on Western Aleutian Seabirds***

Veronica Padula from the University of Alaska will present her research on the effects of marine debris and plastics on seabirds.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

#### **Saturday – May 2**

##### ***7:00 am Breakfast with the Birds Walk***

Join local author and birder Bonnie Demerjian on a morning bird walk. A continental breakfast is provided!

Location: Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

##### ***9:00 am Marine Debris Clean-up***

Join us to help keep our local shores clean and safe for wildlife. SRBF guest Veronica Padula will join us to discuss the effects of marine debris while we clean-up our beaches.

Location: Meet at Heritage Harbor; trash pick-up may occur at various shoreline locations.

## Saturday – May 2, Continued

### **10:00 am Angerman's Inc & Outlet Golf Tournament**

Entry fee: \$25; Sign up by 9:45 am

Location: Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

Annual Membership Dinner follows at 6 pm at Sourdough Lodge; Cost: \$25

### **10:00 am – noon Wrangell Community Market**

The first Community Market for 2015. View various artists' handiwork and goodies for sale.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

### **11:00 am Clean Stikine Group Photo**

During the Community Market, join "Water is Life" film maker Daven Hafey for a community-wide group photo opportunity to show the connection between Wrangell and the River. The message of the photo: Keep the Stikine Clean!

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

### **11:30 am – noon Critter Craft: Bird Feeders**

Stop by and make your very own bird feeder. Remember to bring your own hammer.

Location: Outside James & Elsie Nolan Center

Sponsored by: Angerman's Inc. & USFS

### **1:00 pm Migratory Shorebird Project: Connecting Communities of the Americas through Research for Conservation**

Learn about this project from Dr. Matt Reiter, Quantitative Ecologist from Point Blue Conservation Science.

Location: Nolan Center Small Classroom

### **6:00 pm Ducks Unlimited Banquet with No Host Cocktails**

Dinner served at 7:00 pm. Raffles along with live and silent auctions following dinner. For more information or to buy tickets call Keene Kohrt at 907-874-3877. Single tickets \$70; Couples \$100.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

## Sunday – May 3

### **8:00 - 11:00 am Hummingbird Banding**

Gwen Baluss will trap and place bands on hummingbirds to track their migratory flight. Stop by at any time to watch!

Location: **TBA-location will be announced on [www.stikinebirding.org](http://www.stikinebirding.org)**

### **10:00 am Angerman's Inc & Outlet Golf Tournament**

Entry fee: \$25; Sign up by 9:45 am

Location: Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

### **1:00 pm Wrangell Island Shorebird Watch**

Meet at City Park to search for spring shorebirds at high tide.

Location: City Park

### **1:30 pm Music: Student Recitals**

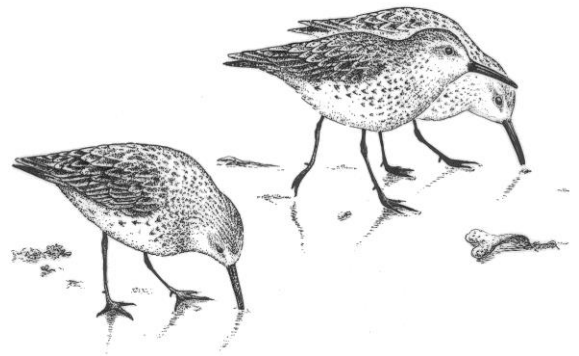
The music starts with student violin and piano recitals, followed by a reception at **2:30 pm**.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

### **3:00 pm Music: Spring Show**

This live music & performance show is open to the whole community to participate in!

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center



*The Stikine River Birding Festival is sponsored by the City and Borough of Wrangell, US Forest Service, and Wrangell Convention and Visitors Bureau, with assistance from Wrangell Public School District, James and Elsie Nolan Center, KSTK, Wilma Leslie, Muskeg Meadows and Angerman's Inc. and Outlet. If you have any questions, please contact the Wrangell Ranger District at 907-874-2323 or Wrangell Visitor Center 907-874-2829.*

For More Information and Schedule Updates: [www.stikinebirding.org](http://www.stikinebirding.org)