



Stikine River Birding Festival

April 25-28, 2019

Schedule of Events

Festival Contests

Art & Photo Contests

Entries due at the Nolan Center by **noon, Thursday, April 25th**. Winners announced at the reception on Friday, April 26th. For detailed contest rules & entry forms, go to www.stikinebirding.org.

Name That Tweet!

Tune in to KSTK 101.7 from April 22-26 to listen for the day's featured bird song and "Name that Tweet" to win a prize!

Saturday – April 20

9:00 am Nature Journaling Workshop

Learn the basics of field sketching & journaling with guest artist Kim McNett. Half day workshop starts indoors, moves outside for practice & returns indoors. Free; bring a journal & pencil. Location: Meet at Nolan Center, followed by excursion to outdoor location to be determined by participants.

Thursday - April 25

5:00 pm Birding ID Workshop

Want to improve your birding skills? Gwen Baluss will provide tips on identifying our local birds. Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

6:30 pm River Flats Open Mic Night

Share your talent with the community during April's bird themed open mic night. Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

Friday – April 26

6:00 pm Birding Festival Reception

Kim McNett has been teaching art workshops in school classrooms for 2 weeks; now stop by to see some student art and meet our festival presenters. Contest winners will be announced. Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

6:30 pm Sandhill Cranes of the Pacific Flyway

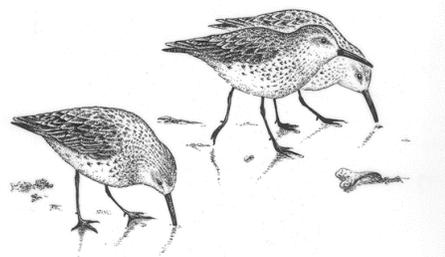
Dr. Gary Ivey will describe the life history of Sandhill Cranes and the challenges they face. He will talk about the 2 subspecies that breed and migrate through Alaska and where they go after their stop at the Stikine River Delta.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

7:45 pm The Miracle of Life Along the Pacific Shore

This multi-media presentation is based on the "The Miracle of Life a La Jolla Cove," an award-winning coffee table book by Dr. David Sattler, and will present gorgeous coastal landscapes along the Pacific Ocean and the wildlife that lives there, including Alaska.

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center



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Saturday – April 27

Birding Boat Tours

Local operators are running special tours this week for birding & spring wildlife watching. Contact the following for more details on price, time & locations:

Alaska Charters & Adventures: (888) 993-2750

Breakaway Adventures: (888) 385-2488

7:00 am Breakfast with the Birds Walk

Join Bonnie Demerjian on a morning bird walk. A continental breakfast is provided.

Location: Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

10:00 am – 1 pm Wrangell Community Market

Vendors offer their homemade crafts, food, and more!

Location: James & Elsie Nolan Center

10:00 am – 11:00 am Jr. Birder Activities

Crafts & games for youth will be going on during the market.

Location: Outside James & Elsie Nolan Center

11:00 am Critter Craft: Bird Feeder Building

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

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Location: Outside James & Elsie Nolan Center

1:00 pm Black Swifts: One of Alaska's Most Threatened Birds

Gwen Baluss will discuss how the Stikine River corridor is one of the few Alaskan hotspots for this species.

Location: Nolan Center small theater

2:00 pm Photo Workshop with David Sattler

This photography workshop is for photo enthusiasts of all levels. We will explore ways of creating artistic photographs of animals and their homes, and discuss topics such as composition, lighting, lens selection, and camera operation.

Location: Meet at Nolan Center small theater

4:00 pm Alaska Raptor Center Live Bird Presentation

The Alaska Raptor Center from Sitka will show off some of their educational birds and give information on these birds of prey.

Location: Evergreen Elementary Gym

Saturday – April 27 continued

6:00 pm Ducks Unlimited Banquet

Doors open at 6 pm; dinner served at 7:15 pm. Raffles, live and silent auctions. For more information or to buy tickets call Dennis Strom at 907-660-7171.

Location: Nolan Center; Cost: Single tickets \$70; Couples \$100

Sunday – April 28

7:00-9:00 am City Park Bird Banding

Bird bander Gwen Baluss will mistnet and place bands on songbirds to track their migratory flight. Stop by at any time to watch! Weather dependent (can be canceled due to rain/wind).

Location: City Park

Wednesday – May 8

7:00 pm San Quintín Bay in My Migration Route: Sharing the Habitat with Friends

Executive Director of Terra Peninsular, César Guerrero, shares his presentation on conserving shorebirds in Baja California.

Location: Nolan Center

The Stikine River Birding Festival is organized by the Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau, City and Borough of Wrangell, USDA Forest Service, and James & Elsie Nolan Center. If you have any questions, please contact the Wrangell Ranger District at 907-874-2323 or Wrangell Visitor Center 907-874-2829.

