



Photo of binocular hike by C. Burns/USFWS

# Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Urban Birding Festival

Saturday, May 18  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Urban Birding Festival with FREE, family-friendly activities throughout the day. Visit the Bloomington Visitor Center anytime from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. to enjoy bird-themed crafts and trivia, learn about bird-friendly practices and bird identification, and observe our feathered friends through binoculars and spotting scopes.

**Program Schedule:**

9:30-10:30 a.m. Birds and Beans, Bird-Friendly Coffee presentation by Tom Will, USFWS. Coffee and pastries provided!

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Make a Feather art project  
Help create an interactive Great Horned Owl sculpture

11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Loon Song puppet show

1-2 p.m. Birding 101 for Families presentation  
by Joel Vos, Ranger at Minnesota Valley NWR

2:30-3:30 p.m. Keeping Families Together  
Presentation about orphaned wildlife by  
Tami Vogel, Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of MN

3:30-4 p.m. Art sculpture reveal  
"An Owl's Perspective," by Gail Katz-James

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