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Celebrate “Why Birds Matter” on the Oregon Coast

Newport, Ore. – On Saturday, May 10, Lincoln County will celebrate “Why Birds Matter.” Bird walks and family-friendly activities will be hosted at an array of coastal locales from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome, and many activities will be offered in Spanish and English. Visitors will enjoy unique opportunities to witness local and migratory birds in their native habitats and to get involved with helping birds while learning about the invaluable services birds provide.

Activities: From 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., the following sites will offer a variety of hands-on activities. Most of the events are free and open to the public. Stop at any of these sites: Beaver Creek State Natural Area, Beverly Beach State Park, Cape Perpetua National Scenic Area, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon Coast Aquarium, or Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area to join in the fun. For a complete list of the activities visit: <http://springbirdblitz.wordpress.com/>.

Guided Bird Walks: Join the local experts in a guided bird walk along the coast!

- 7 a.m. Marsh, Woodland and Meadow Bird Walk, at Beaver Creek State Natural Area
- 9 a.m. Birds of Lincoln City Open Spaces Walk, at Audubon Society of Lincoln City
- 9 a.m. Beginner’s Marsh, Woodland and Meadow Bird Walk, at Beaver Creek State Natural Area
- 11:30 a.m. Beginning Birding and Naturescaping Walk, at Cape Perpetua Scenic Area
- 11:30 a.m. Shorebird and Estuary Walk, at Hatfield Marine Science Center
- 3 p.m. Seabird Watches, at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

Birds Talks: Learn more about some of the migratory birds found on the Oregon coast.

- 10:45 a.m. “Adaptations and lifestyles of shorebirds and seabirds,” at Oregon Coast Aquarium
- 11:30 a.m. Vulture enrichment session, at Oregon Coast Aquarium
- 1:30 p.m. “Wisdom of the Albatross,” at Hatfield Marine Science Center, Rob Suryan
- 1:30 p.m. “Bird Migration on the Oregon Coast,” at Cape Perpetua Scenic Area,* Anne Caples
- 2:30 p.m. “Adaptations and lifestyles of shorebirds and seabirds,” at Oregon Coast Aquarium
- 3 p.m. “Common Migrant & Resident Birds,” at Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, Lori G. Robertson

**Entrance or Parking Fee Required*

The Spring Bird Blitz is part of International Migratory Bird Day, a global campaign to inspire people of all ages to get outdoors, learn about birds, and take part in their conservation. Environment for the Americas, the home of International Migratory Bird Day, connects educators, festival organizers, and birders by providing information and educational materials about birds and bird conservation from Canada to South America. To find out more about Environment for the Americas and International Migratory Bird Day events, please visit www.birdday.org.

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