

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
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**Go Wild, Go Birding: Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at  
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area**

*Newport, Ore.* –On Saturday, May 14, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is celebrating International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) by offering a Fee Free Day at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. Yaquina Head provides unique opportunities to see marine nesting colonies just off shore from Yaquina Lighthouse as well as woodland song bird habitats and birds of prey.

This year's theme "Go Wild, Go Birding" celebrates the migration of birds to North American breeding grounds from southern non-breeding grounds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Parks and Recreation, Yaquina Birders and Naturalists Group and other volunteers have partnered together to offer these activities and interpretive programs.

At home, you can participate in the North American Migration Count (NAMC), started in 1992 where bird watchers can report their findings to contribute to the monitoring of spring bird migration.

**Spot birds at Cobble Beach Viewing Deck** **10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
Use spotting scopes to see birds in action with BLM and volunteer staff.

**Walk and watch birds at Yaquina Head Interpretive Center** **8:30 a.m.**  
Join Range Bayer of the Yaquina Birders and Naturalists Group for this guided bird walk.

**Have fun with "building a bird" games for families** **11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
Bring your children for games and interpretive activities with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff.

**Take a guided bird walk at Beaver Creek State Natural Area** **9:00 a.m.**  
Identify birds with Oregon Parks and Recreation naturalists and expert birders.

**Learn bird watching and identification techniques at the Welcome Center** **10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
Gather free information at the Welcome Center.

**Create a bird feeding station in your backyard** **Noon**  
Learn how to feed birds in your backyard with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Park Ranger, Dawn Grafe.

*About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands*

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