

Hoy Audubon of Kenosha and Racine Counties and the city and county of Kenosha are presenting a celebration of birds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Sept. 19 at Bristol Woods County Park. The gathering combines International Migratory Bird Day and Pringle Nature Center's annual Fall Fun Fest. Pringle is located in Bristol Woods, 9800 160th Ave./Highway MB. The public is invited. Admission is free, but some activities have fees.

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To media:

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FALL FESTIVAL/IMBD 2015

Included in this email is a press release about the city and county of Kenosha arranging a bird festival/Fall Fun Fest for Sept. 19, 2015 at Pringle Nature Center in Bristol, WI. Any publicity you can give this event will be greatly appreciated.

Questions can be asked of me at dedlnr@aol.com; Valerie Mann, Pringle Nature Center naturalist, 262-857-8008, naturalist@pringlenc.org, and Jon Rudie, Kenosha County Parks director, 262-857-1869.

Thanks much.

John Krerowicz, Hoy v.p./publicity chair

“Fall Fun Fest: Birds & Butterflies - A Celebration of International Migratory Bird Day: Restore Habitat, Restore Birds”

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Visitors to the family-oriented IMBD/Fall Fun Fest will enjoy several free presentations, including exhibitors, live birds of prey shown by falconer Ed Foster at noon, an owl exhibit that includes exploring owl pellets arranged by the Kenosha Public Museum, a 1 p.m. tagging and releasing of Monarch Butterflies raised during the summer, bird walks at noon and 1 p.m., "seed bombs" composed of seeds and dirt that youngsters can "lob" into their garden for easy planting, bird feeders made of pine cones rolled in lard and seeds, a pond safari to capture water critters from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and children's nature activities such as bird crafts.

In keeping with this year's IMBD theme, "Restore Habitat, Restore Birds," there will be a free 2 p.m. bird/prairie walk to highlight both the prairie restoration done on the property and the birds who use it.

Tickets for Fall Fest activities, including hayrides, bird tattoos, pumpkin painting and food, will be available to purchase at the event. By becoming a Friend of Pringle at the event, you will receive five free tickets to use for the activities.

Bird feeders can be purchased and constructed at the fest or taken home.

Music will be presented at 11 a.m. by a band to be determined, and at 1 p.m. by the Grateful Deadliners, offering classic '60s music and other rock 'n roll.

For a schedule of events and more details, visit Pringle Nature Center's website, www.pringlenc.org, and click on the Events tab.

IMBD, coordinated by the Environment for the Americas, helps raise public awareness about the importance of birds, loss of their habitat and related topics. IMBD is the only international education program that highlights and celebrates the migration of nearly 350 species of migratory birds between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding

grounds in Latin America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall.

IMBD, started in 1993, has been celebrated at more than 500 sites in the Western Hemisphere. More information is available at www.birdday.org.

Bird City Wisconsin is an organization that promotes bird education by designating cities, counties and other jurisdictions as a Bird City when they meet certain requirements. The requirements include having good bird conservation practices, preserving and expanding habitat, offering bird lectures/lessons/information to the public and celebrating IMBD with a festival. More information is available at www.birdcitywisconsin.org.

The city of Kenosha became a Bird City Wisconsin in 2012. Kenosha County became a BCW in 2014.

More information about IMBD/Fall Fest is available from the Kenosha County Parks office, 262-857-1869, and Pringle, 262-857-8008.

IMBD/Fall Fest is sponsored by Hoy Audubon of Kenosha and Racine Counties, Kenosha County Parks, Pringle Nature Center, Kenosha Public Museum, the city of Kenosha, Kenosha County, and Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser.

Bristol Woods County Park is 197 acres of upland forest, wetlands, oak savanna remnants, prairie and lawn areas. Within the woods are four miles of trails for bird and wildlife observation, nature education walks, hiking and cross country skiing. The nature center is open year round Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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