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Forest Service makes International Migratory Bird Day a local event

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Tongass National Forest will host International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) activities on Saturday, May 19 at the Juneau Community Garden and Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. The popular day of bird-oriented education and activities is a free event organized by the US Forest Service in partnership with the Juneau Raptor Center, Juneau Audubon, and the Juneau Community Garden.

International Migratory Bird Day, launched by the Environment for the Americas (EFTA) 20 years ago, highlights the migration of nearly 350 bird species throughout the Americas. The Juneau celebration pays special honors to the Arctic tern, which visits Southeast Alaska as part of an incredible migration that some estimates place at more than 44,000 miles in a single year.

All IMBD programs are family-friendly and free of charge. For more information contact Gwen Baluss at the Juneau Ranger District, 789-6254.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Morning Events @ Juneau Community Garden (off Montana Creek Rd)

- SONGBIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION: stop by any time between 7:00 and 11:00 a.m. to see birds up close and learn how scientists study them
- AUDUBON BIRD WALK: meet in the garden parking lot @ 8:00 a.m. to listen for and watch birds around the marsh with local experts

Afternoon Events @ Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

- ARCTIC TERN VIEWING @ photo point trail: join biologists for close looks at the amazing travelers nesting nearby
- TLINGIT WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATION @ photo point
- LIVE RAPTOR VISIT @ covered pavilion near the MGVC parking lot
- ARCTIC TERN ART CONTEST: materials distributed at events



Preparing to band a myrtle warbler

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Adult Arctic tern in flight

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