



Press Release

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Warblers are focus of Kettle Moraine Bird Festival

On Saturday, May 8 at Bromley Woods

Geneva Lake Conservancy, with its partners Lakeland Audubon Society and the City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee, is pleased to announce its second biennial Kettle Moraine Bird Festival on Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bromley Woods, W5798 Greening Road in Whitewater (LaGrange).

World Migratory Bird Day is May 8th, and participants can expect to see a variety of warblers as well as many other forest interior birds. Bromley Woods is one of the Conservancy's new nature preserves and features an oak woodland and savanna and kettle pond, which provide habitat for many declining bird populations. Bird walks will be offered at 8, 9 and 10 a.m., followed by an optional gourmet boxed lunch under an open tent in an oak savanna.

During the lunch, Birding Expert Wayne Rhode of Walworth will give a presentation on warblers. Rhode has over 50 years of birding experience and has photographed over 270 species of birds in Wisconsin, including 35 species of warblers.

"Spring migration gives us a great opportunity to engage in citizen science like Migratory Bird Day," says the Conservancy's Community Outreach Manager, Maddie Olivieri. "Some of these birds fly from Argentina all the way to Canada, and it is incredible that we here in Walworth County play a part in supporting that migration."

Along with their partners, the Conservancy is also offering a special bird event on Friday, May 7 for students from local private and public schools. Organized by the City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee, approximately 50 Walworth County students will be bird watching on the preserve with Audubon guides. The student event is made possible by a grant from the Environmental Education Foundation of Lake Geneva.

The Conservancy would like to thank its event sponsors Alliant Energy and We Energies Foundation. The event is open to the public and registration is limited. The bird walk is \$5 and the walk with lunch and presentation is \$20. To register go to www.GenevaLakeConservancy.org.

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Captions:

(First image) "Lakeland Audubon Society bird guides hope to spot the yellow warbler at the May 8 Kettle Moraine Birding Festival. Photo by [Ray Hennessy](#) on [Unsplash](#)."

(Second image) "Students from St. Francis School in Lake Geneva participated in the Kettle Moraine Birding Festival in 2019."