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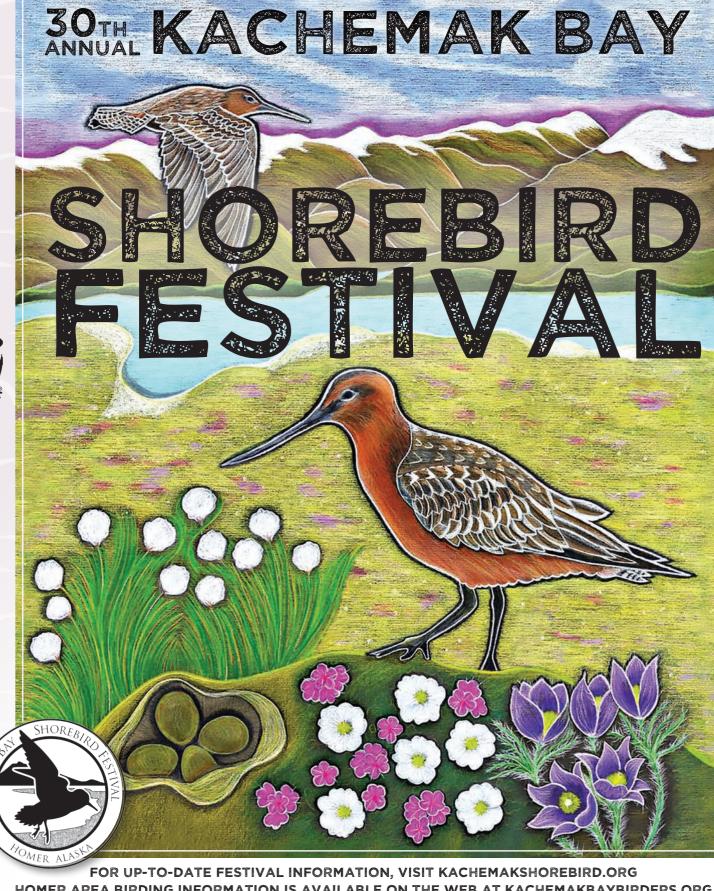






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Alaska Maritime National Refuge Visitor Center

95 Sterling Highway, Homer, AK 99603 Phone: (907) 226-4631 *info@kachemakshorebird.org*

Festival Registration opens March 21

Register online at **kachemakshorebird.org**

Need help registering?

Email or call us T/Th, 11am-4:30pm



GREETINGS BIRDERS!

The Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges and Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge welcome the migratory shorebirds and YOU back to Alaska's largest wildlife viewing event, the 30th Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival May 4-8, 2022.

The Festival would not be possible without the bountiful support we receive from our local business sponsors who have made this home-grown Festival possible for 30 years and counting! A special thanks to all the volunteers whose commitment and enthusiasm is responsible for the longevity of our Festival.

This year's Festival Artist, Stacy Studebaker created our beautiful festival artwork which features a Bar-tailed Godwit. We hope you'll enjoy presentations from our two Schantz Scholars and Audubon Alaska along with tours and talks by our knowledgeable locals. Join us for guided birding excursions, wildlife viewing and kayaking tours. You'll find activities for people of all ages and abilities at locations ranging from the head of Kachemak Bay to Kamishak Bay.

The Festival will be following precautionary measures in response to the current COVID case levels to protect participants, vendors, volunteers, and staff. We will monitor the situation and provide updates if requirements change, or additional modifications or cancellations need to occur. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

We value a festival that is welcoming, inclusive, safe, and accessible for everybody. If you have any needs that you'd like your guide or speaker to know, ex.: low vision, hearing, different mobility, or other health concerns, please email: **kachemakshorebird@gmail.com** and we'll pass them on.

Birding is for everybody and every body. Birds connect the world!



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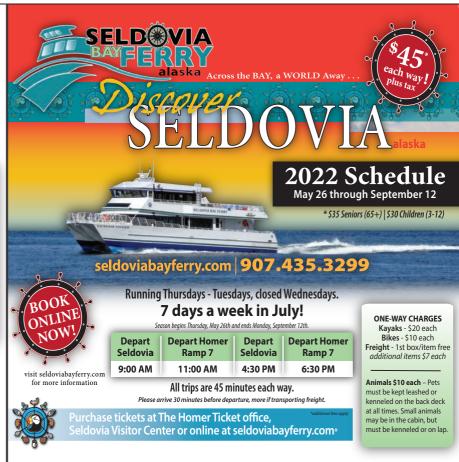




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May 2022

KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL PROGRAM

THE KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival takes more than nine months to plan, organize, and coordinate. Meet the team of dedicated and passionate volunteers and staff who make up the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival Planning Committee and who work so hard to bring this Festival to you!



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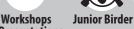
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(Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center)

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WHAT'S NEW...

Teen Birder Events

The festival is offering events specifically designed for teen birders ages 12-18. These events help to bring young enthusiastic birders together to celebrate birds through hikes, art, photography, and more. Look for the teen birder symbol next to an event to identify teen birder activities.

Art

Check out the amazing work by festival artist, Stacy Studebaker & the Community 6x6 Bird Art at Northern Vibes Artisan Gallery on the Homer Spit!

Contemporary Folk Artist David Personius's wood carved shorebirds will be displayed at Land's End Resort.

Premier of Refuge Alaska Film Fest

6pm | Saturday, May 7

Homer High School Auditorium

With videography by Ian Shive, Gerrit Vyn and others and music by Grammy winning bands: Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit, Josh Ritter, Lake Street Dive and The Mountain Goats. Film descriptions listed on page 9.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 High Tide: 5:54pm 15.6' | Low Tide: 11:22am -0.9'

Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour

8:30am-3pm | Harbor Ramp 6, Slip EE-21, M/V Pinbone (AVAILABLE W/Th/F)

Experience Kachemak Bay at its best! This full-day birding and wildlife tour, led by Seaman's Ecotour Adventures, explores the waters off the Homer Spit, Yukon Island, Sadie Cove and Eldridge Passage, Gull Island, Halibut Cove and Glacier Spit. See a wide variety of birds, several species of marine mammals, mountain goats, and learn the fascinating geology and natural history of Kachemak Bay. This roomy, stable boat has a heated pilot house, water, toilet, and a large rear deck that provides a great viewing platform for birders and photographers. Bring lunch. Snacks and beverages provided. Proof of vaccination required. Limit 6. \$175pp.

Warm Cabin, Cool Birds 🖀

9am-5pm | Meet at top of Homer Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Trana

(AVAILABLE W/Th/F/Sat/Sun)

Balance the thrill of standing on the chilly deck, spotting your favorite species of bird, with a hot beverage and a warm cabin. Led by Alaska Viking Expeditions, this full-day tour explores 40+ nautical miles of shoreline. M/V Trana is a roomy, stable yacht with ample flybridge and deck space to view birds, marine mammals, and other Alaskan wildlife. She also sports a heated cabin, comfy seating, toilet, and running, hot water. Bring a lunch, but count on hot beverages and plenty of snackies for your munching pleasure! Limit 6. \$175pp.

International Bird Migration Adventure 🃤 🗟 🏈

3-6pm | AMNWR Outside back patio

Come and join us on an adventure around the world as we follow the paths select bird species take during their yearly amazing migrations. Learn about the countries and habitats they stop at along the way, find out what challenges they face, and be adventurous while trying human treats from those same international locations. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. No limit. Free.

Pratt Museum & Park Guided Trails Tour 📤 🗟 🧭

3:30-5:30pm | Pratt Museum & Park, 3779 Bartlett Street Join Botanical Garden Curator, Yarrow Hinant, to learn about the connections between the Kachemak Bay birds and the trees, shrubs, and other plants that the botanical garden and park trails provide. No limit. Free.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

High Tide: 6:37pm 14.5' | Low Tide: 11:59am 0.4'

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing

7:30am-2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec Area, Lake **Tractor Launch** (AVAILABLE: Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun)

Travel by boat to Lake Clark National Park on Cook Inlet's remote west coast to view coastal brown bears and sea birds. Join bear guide Captain Mel Erickson, along with bird expert Deb Hess who will be onboard the "Gamefisher" to point out and identify dozens of different species of birds of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. You'll also see giant brown bears digging clams, walking the beach, or grazing on the sedge grasses in the salt marsh. This event is weather dependent. Limit 6. \$325pp.



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Beaks & Bills Boat Tour 🎥

8-10am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird

(AVAILABLE Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun - 8am and 1pm)

Join us on a venture to spot the many shorebirds of Kachemak Bay. We'll take a cruise to Gull Island, home to over 10,000 nesting birds, with an opportunity to get up close and personal to a variety of nesting species. From there, our journey continues with the flowing tide to seek out some of the unique birds and other wildlife that can be found along the coastline, including kingfishers, black oystercatchers, nesting eagles, and sea otter rafts. Bring warm layers, binoculars, and snacks. Limit 12. \$75pp.

Fins & Feathers Boat Tour 🏶



8-10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures

(AVAILABLE Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun)

Head to Gull Island, home to over 10,000 nesting birds and 12 different species of birds (Horned and Tufted Puffins, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Glaucous-winged Gulls, Common Murres, Pigeon Guillemots, and Pelagic Cormorants. From there, cruise to different areas where unique birds have been spotted recently, including Harlequin Ducks, Goldeneyes, Surf, Black and White-winged Scoters, Yellow-billed, Common and Red-throated Loons, Red-necked Phalaropes, Red-necked grebes, Kingfishers and Jaegers. Bring your life list, a snack, warm clothes and a camera. Hot drinks provided. Limit 12. \$95pp, \$85 for kids 4 and under.

The Wise & Wonderful Journey 🌋



8-11am | Harbor Ramp 2, Check-in at Alan's Water Taxi, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot (AVAILABLE Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun)

Join experienced guide & local bird expert Willy Dunne on a journey of discovery. Visit Gull Island, opportunities for upclose viewing of Horned & Tufted Puffins, Pigeon Guillemots, Cormorants, Kittiwakes & Murres. The journey cruises to Willy's special birding places where we may encounter Aleutian Terns, Red-necked Phalaropes, Murrelets, waterfowl and other wildlife. The rich biodiversity of Kachemak Bay supports marine mammals, Bald Eagles, Loons, Kingfishers, sea ducks and many other species as common sightings. For more info see Alan's ad on page 28. Limit 6. \$85pp.

Birding Hot Spots - Anchor River 💏

8:30am-12:30pm | AMNWR Meet in parking lot

Hop on the bus with guide Aaron Lang to discover the hottest birding spots along the Anchor River. Seabirds, songbirds, shorebirds, water birds, raptors and more! Join our experienced guides for a 2.5 mile walk along the beach and Anchor River to its mouth. There's the potential to see rarities like Bristle-thighed Curlew, Glaucous Gulls or Horned Lark. More common are Whimbrels, Yellowlegs, Scoters, Loons, Guillemots, Mergansers, "peeps", Harlequin Ducks, & Murrelets. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in the sand. Dress in layers and take water. A limited number of scopes will be available. Limit 22. \$40pp.

Diving with Alcids 🎥



8-11am | Mako's Water Taxi, Ramp 2

(AVAILABLĖ Th/F/Sa/Su)

Kachemak Bay provides incredible opportunities to view diving alcids at the surface. Now recent technological innovations have provided us an opportunity to observe what these amazing birds look like foraging below the water line. Come aboard the heated Orca landing craft with Captain Curt and his ROV to marvel at these agile animals. The Remote Operated Underwater Vehicle will give us a unique, upclose view of these sea birds in their aquatic world. Limit 6. \$125pp, \$80 for ages 8-12.

Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour



8:30am-3pm | Harbor Ramp 6, Slip EE-21, M/V Pinbone (AVAILABLE W/Th/F)

See Wednesday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$175pp.

Cold Duck Time 🏶



8:30-11am | Harbor top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa)

As the shorebirds arrive in Kachemak Bay, sea ducks prepare to head north to their happy nesting grounds. Tour Kachemak Bay's southern shore in search of the Mergini tribe. Goldeneye, Harlequin and Long-tailed Ducks are just a few of the fine feathered friends that inhabit our bays and coves. Dress warmly. Mako's Water Taxi is an enclosed boat with open back access. No facilities. Limit 15. \$75pp.



VIEWING STATIONS

A current bird sightings list will be posted at Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center and at **kachemakbaybirders.org**.

Check out the Shorebird Checklist on page 16. Special thanks to the Kachemak Bay Birders!

Self-Guided **Shorebird Viewing**

Mud Bay and Lighthouse Village Wednesday Evening, 5-6:30pm Thursday Evening, 5:45-7:15pm Friday Evening, 6:30-8pm Saturday Evening, 7:30-8:45pm Sunday Morning, 6:45-8:15am

Family Viewing Station (Jr. Birder Event)

Friday Evening, 6:30-7:30pm Lighthouse Village Saturday Afternoon, 3-4pm Beluga Lake Airport Viewing Platform

Self-Guided Viewing Station Bingo Game (Jr. Birder Event)

Ongoing throughout festival

Mud Bay, Lighthouse Village, and Beluga Lake Airport Viewing Platform viewing stations

Self-Guided Bird Identification Family Trail Walks (Jr. Birder Event)

Ongoing throughout festival

Calvin and Coyle Trail, Pratt Museum Trails, and the Beluga Slough Trail



STACY STUDEBAKER

Stacy Studebaker has lived most of her life in the wilds of Alaska. She migrated to Alaska in 1972 and later moved to Kodiak Island which has been her home since 1980. A highly creative, energetic individual, author, dedicated environmental educator and conservationist who thrives on wild places and natural history. She does her work in colored pencils on black paper!

First Friday Art Opening

11am-6pm | Friday, May 6 Northern Vibes Artisan Gallery, 4025 Homer Spit Rd #12

Festival Artist Workshop: Creating Personal Photo Mandalas with iPad or iPhone

1-3:30pm | Sunday, May 8 Homer Council on the Arts (See opposite page for full description.)

Festival Artist Show

May 1, 2022-Festival weekend Northern Vibes Artisan Gallery, 4025 Homer Spit Rd #12

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Cookies & Coffee and Songbird Walkabout 💏

9-11am | Seaside Farm

(AVAILABLE Th/Sun)

Join lifelong, knowledgeable birder, Mossy Kilcher on her Seaside Farm Songbird Sanctuary located on the Homer Bench for a morning Songbird Walkabout. She'll lead you on a trail winding through the fields and the trees where Sandhill Cranes may draw your eye and to the shoreline of Kachemak Bay where shorebirds make their stopovers. Bring your binoculars! Mossy will point out various birdsongs, characteristics and nests of various birds along the trails. You WON'T miss a bird or a nest with Mossy as your guide. Coffee & cookies will be (safely) available for every guest. Note: due to winter breakup, folks might have to park at the beginning of the driveway and hike down to the farm (therefore may not be accessible). Limit 30. \$30pp, \$10 for kids 12 & under.

Seabird Sidetrip 🏯

9am-noon | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Join local bird expert Karl Stoltzfus of Bay Excursions as he shares his favorite birding places during a 3-hour cruise of Kachemak Bay. Look for Kittlitz's and Marbled Murrelets, Eiders, Loons, shorebirds, and many other species with excellent close-up viewing opportunities for all passengers. Enclosed boat with open back access. No facilities. Limit 12. \$80pp, \$45 for kids 12 & under.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past

9:30am-1:30pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Water taxi to Yukon Island keeping an eye out for birds and wildlife. We will kayak past ancient Sugpiaq villages and learn more. about the ways of the Sugpiaq and Dena'ina people and Frederika de Laguna the spunky archeologist who explored our bay in the late 1920's. Limit 12. \$95pp, \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Warm Cabin, Cool Birds 🏶

9am-5pm | Meet at top of Homer Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Trana

(AVAILABLE W/Th/F/Sat/Sun)

See Wednesday, 9am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$175pp.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

9am-1pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot. (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su am & pm)

A 15-min water taxi cruise to visit Gull Island with up-close viewing opportunities for Puffins, Guillemots, Cormorants, Kittiwakes & Murres. Then cruise to a nearby beach for shoreside instruction. Let the tide carry you through the calm waters and the abundant biodiversity of China Poot Bay as you glimpse stunning scenery and wildlife from a kayak. Listen for Black Oystercatchers, shorebirds, watch for Bald Eagles pursuing their next meal, keep a look out for Harlequin Ducks foraging along the shore. Explore the Bay's unique rose-colored rock formations that illustrate ancient tectonic forces. Morning and afternoon tours. Limit 12. \$95pp.

Pre-K Puffins Shorebird Festival Special Session- The Bar-tailed Godwit!

10-11:30am | AMNWR

Join staff of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge for this outdoor interactive Pre-K Puffins Early Learning Program all about the festival's featured bird, the Bar-tailed Godwit! The program is designed for children ages 2-5 and will include story time, interactive games and a craft. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. **No limit. Free.**

Gulls & Glaciers 🗪 🏯

10am-4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

With your naturalist guide, cruise to Gull Island via water taxi to check out over 10,000 nesting birds including Black-legged Kittiwakes, Common Murres and Puffins. From there we'll head to Glacier Spit Trailhead to hike up to Glacier Lake learning about the fascinating glaciology of Kachemak Bay. There will be a geological mystery to solve as well as snacks and hot drinks. Bring lunch, water, and layers. Limit 12. \$125 pp, \$115 for kids 12 & under.

10am-2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Enjoy a scenic water taxi ride to Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's Yukon Island, disembark and paddle around the Island, watching for sea ducks, shorebirds, eagles and sea otters. Wear warm, layered clothes and raingear. Bring water and lunch. Light snacks and hot drinks provided. All experience levels are welcome. Enclosed boat with open back access. No facilities. Limit 15. \$95pp, \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake 🧀 🏯

10:30am-4pm | Check-in at Kachemak Bay Adventures, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Experienced guides & bird experts will cruise to Gull Island with opportunities for up-close viewing of Horned & Tufted Puffins, Pigeon Guillemots, Cormorants, Kittiwake & Murres. Then following the coast viewing of sea ducks, otters and wildlife. Then you will be dropped off at Rusty's Lagoon with opportunities to experience a diversity of bird activity, shorebirds, raptors, kingfishers, waterfowl and wildlife. Your guide will lead you on an easy trail up the glacier moraine to the open beaches of Grewingk Glacier Lake and mountain peaks. Returning on the Saddle Trail with views of Halibut Cove. Limit 12. Ages 6 and up. \$90pp.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour 🏶

1-4pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su-8am, 1pm)

Join us on a venture to spot the many shorebirds of Kachemak Bay. We'll take a cruise to Gull Island, home to over 10,000 nesting birds, with an opportunity to get up close and personal to a variety of nesting species. From there, our journey continues with the flowing tide to seek out some of the unique birds and other wildlife that can be found along the coastline, including Kingfishers, Black Oystercatchers, nesting Bald Eagles, and sea otter rafts. Limit 12. \$75pp.

Marine Wildlife Tour 🕏

1-3pm | Harbor Ramp 3, turn right at the bottom, M/V Torega

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Join Karl Stoltzfus for a two hour trip on Kachemak Bay looking for birds and marine mammals. Highlights include Gull Island and areas with sea otters and other marine mammals that happen to be around. We will also keep a sharp eye out for shorebirds such as Surfbirds and Black Turnstones. Limit 12. \$65pp, \$45 for kids 12 & under.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past

1-5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday 9am listing for description. Limit 12. \$95pp, \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

1-5pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Point Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot. (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

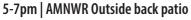
See Thursday 9:00am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$50pp.**

Mud Bay Family Walk 🗪 🗟

3:30-5pm | Mud Bay Trail (Meet at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve parking lot, 2181 Kachemak Dr.)

Join local naturalists Conrad Field and Ingrid Harrald as they lead a guided walk along the beach to Mud Bay, exploring the mysteries of the tidal areas and exploring the local estuary up close and personal. Spotting scopes will be used to identify local shorebirds and waterfowl. Mud boots recommended! *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. No limit. Free.

Bird Painting Art Workshop for Teens 📤 🧟



Join other teens for this social event as they paint their favorite birds on a canvas or pottery piece while enjoying snacks and bubbly drinks. Ages 12-18. Limit 13. \$20pp.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

High Tide: 7:29pm 13.4′ | Low Tide: 12:42am 1.8′

Beginner Forest Songbird Walk 🖚

7:30-9am | Calvin & Coyle Trail

Join Lora Haller for an introduction into the world of songbirds. Meet at Calvin and Coyle parking lot for a stroll through forest habitat as we listen for Homer's musical forest dwellers, building birding confidence and practicing your skills. Bring binos and dress for the weather. Limit 20. \$5pp ages 10 and up.

FESTIVAL ARTIST WORKSHOP

Led by Festival Artist, Stacy Studebaker. Mandalas have many definitions and purposes. The term mandala describes a basic pattern of geometric shapes contained within a circle that can have spiritual significance as a representation of the cosmos. They help focus and appreciate the beauty of little things in our natural environment. They are fun to make and are always full of surprises! This workshop will help you to create personal digital mandalas with items that you choose. Stacy developed this digital method with her iPad or iPhone so that one can make mandalas anywhere at anytime while traveling or at home. This is a rather unique modern application of the very ancient art. After the workshop, you can take your digital images home and print them out on a color printer. What you need to bring to the workshop: iPhone or iPad with a Collage app already installed. Stacy uses the app "Collage" but there are others. It must have the square template with four boxes that you can load your photos into and be able to rotate. Please bring with you three sheets of 12"x12" colored paper, one black, one white and one of another color of your choice. One regular pencil. 10-20 small objects of your choice such as shells, feathers, leaves, seeds, beach glass, broken pottery, stones, pressed flowers etc. Stacy will first demonstrate making one mandala then turn you loose to make your own!

Creating Personal Photo Mandalas with iPad or iPhone

1-3:30pm | Sunday, May 8 Homer Council on the Arts Fully vaccinated & mask required. Limit 12. \$25pp.

PHOTOGRAPHY TRACK

Our Photography Track instructor, Lisa Hupp, is a communications specialist for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Camera Craft for Nature Photography - Beg/Int

1:30-2:30pm | Saturday, May 7 Meet at AMNWR outside back patio

Bird Photography Walk for Teens (Teen Birder Event)

3-5pm | Saturday, May 7

Meet at AMNWR outside back patio & then we'll head to Beluga Slough Trail

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Int/Adv Shorebird Walk 🧒

7-8:30am | Mud Bay Trail (Meet at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve parking lot, 2181 Kachemak Dr.)

Expert birder and Kachemak Bay Birder member George Matz leadas this walk out on to the small sandy spit that stretches into Mud Bay. Rubber boots recommended. Park and meet at the KBNERR parking lot, 2181 Kachemak Drive. **Limit 20. \$7pp.**

Overlook Park Hike 💏

7am-3pm | AMNWR Meet in parking lot (AVAILABLE F/Su)

This guided 10-mile hike journeys along the north shore of Kachemak Bay to Overlook Park, an undisturbed, remote pocket of native coastal habitat within the Alaska State Park system. View shorebirds, sea ducks, marine mammals, ravens and eagles along the way, plus songbirds and waterfowl around the ponds in the Park. This strenuous, all-day hike traverses steep, uneven terrain, creek crossings and unimproved trail. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, raingear and

sturdy, waterproof boots. Proceeds benefit the management of Overlook Park. Presented by Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, led by Laurie Daniel. Limit 12. \$15pp (must be at least 12 years old).

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing 🚔

7:30am-2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec Area, Lake Tractor Launch

(AVAILABLE: Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday 7:30am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$325pp.**

Feathers & Fins Boat Tour

8-10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE h/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$50pp, \$30 for kids 4 & under.



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8-11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird (AVAILABLĖ Th/F/Sa/Su-8am, 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12.

The Wise & Wonderful Journey 🛣



8-10am | Check-in at Alan's Water Taxi, between Coal Point Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 6.

Diving with Alcids 🎏



8-11am | Mako's Water Taxi, Ramp 2

(AVAILABLĖ Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$125pp. \$80 for kids 12 & under.

Coldwater, Hot Birds 🛣

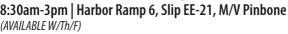


8-11am | Bottom of Ramp #3, Black and Gray Landing Craft

(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

Coldwater Alaska Boat Captain and Aaron Lang/Wilderness Birding Adventures will show you some of their favorite birding spots on the Bay during this three-hour tour. Kachemak Bay is one of the richest marine environments in Alaska and this short tour will provide a sampling of the diversity of birds and wildlife found at our doorstep. Almost anything is possible on this trip and we'll keep our route options open to take advantage of the serendipity of migration. Limit 5. \$85pp.

Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour 🚟



See Wednesday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$175pp.

Cold Duck Time 🚟



See Thursday, 8:30am for event description. Limit 15. \$75pp.

Seabird Sidetrip 🏶

9am-noon | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am for event description. Limit 12. \$80pp. \$45 for kids 12 & under.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past 🏶



9am-1pm | Harbor Ramp 2, **True North Kayak Adventures Office** (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday 9am listing for description. **Limit 12. \$95pp.** \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour 🛣

9am-1pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot. (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12.** \$95pp.

Warm Cabin, Cool Birds 🛣



(AVAILABLE W/Th/F/Sat/Sun)

See Wednesday, 9am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$175pp.

S.O.B. (Spouses of Birders) Art Class 📤



Homestead Studio Instructor Lorri Davis will teach a simplistic approach to painting in an outdoor setting. Learn how to approach a blank canvas without fear. Starting from our ideas, we develop a composition to paint on our canvas. Canvas, acrylic paint and brushes will be supplied. Please bring paper, pencil as well as clean up rags or paper towels. This is a great class for beginners but experienced painters are certainly welcome. Limit 8. \$60pp.

Pre-K Family Birding Walk 🗪 🗟 🍑 10-11:30am | Louie's Lagoon on the Homer Spit



Join a Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Naturalist on a walk focused on exploration and observation. Little ones and their families will look for bird signs and clues of feeding, walking and resting. This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder Requirements. Limit 12 for ages 2-6, + parents (not

included in max #). Free, but you must register.

REFUGE ALASKA FILM FESTIVAL

Join us for the premier screening! With videography by Ian Shive, Gerrit Vyn and others and music by Grammy winning bands: Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit, Josh Ritter, Lake Street Dive and The Mountain Goats.

Premier of Refuge Alaska Film Fest!

6pm | Saturday, May 7 Homer High School Auditorium

No limit. Registration is required. Free.

Film Descriptions:

Refuge Alaska

In partnership with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, Sustain Music and Nature produced a short music video highlighting several Alaska Refuges, with videography by Ian Shive, Gerrit Vyn, and others. The film is scored by the keyboardists of Grammy winning bands: Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit, Josh Ritter, Lake Street Dive and The Mountain Goats.

Izembek: Where Life Abounds

Welcome to Izembek National Wildlife Refuae. a dynamic coastal and volcanic landscape that sustains people and a stunning array of wildlife. The 310,000 acre refuge supports migration spectacles, from waterfowl to all five species of Pacific salmon. Coastal brown bear, caribou, moose, and furbearers like fox and wolves find a home in the refuge yearround. Narrated by Kathleen McCoy Filmed and produced by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge

Take a journey to the remote corners of this far-flung refuge in two short films by Ian Shive and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. In one film you'll travel along the Aleutian Chain with the crew of the R/V Tiglax and biologists studying the millions of seabirds that nest on refuge islands. A second short film explores the remote St. Matthew Islands with gorgeous footage of endemic McCay's Bunting and other island specialties.



REFUGE FRIENDS

Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the stewardship of all 16 of Alaska's unique national wildlife refuges through education, support, and advocacy.



This year marks the Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuge's sixth year partnering with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to bring you the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival.

Support Alaska's Refuges and the Shorebird Festival by purchasing a Friends membership with your Festival event tickets.

To learn about the exciting ways to get involved firsthand through education, service and advocacy online, go to alaskarefugefriends. org or facebook.com/alaskarefugefriends, and be sure to visit our table at Alaska Maritime NWR during the festival.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Gulls & Glaciers 💏 🖁

10am-4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, **True North Kayak Adventures Office** (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$125 pp. \$115 for kids ages 8-12.

Nature Journaling + Farm-to-Table Brunch 🗪 📤

10-11:30am | Synergy Gardens High Tunnel, 54329 Wilderness Ln.

Come on into Synergy Gardens High Tunnel: for a Nature Journaling Workshop with instructor Kim McNett, one of Alaska's premier nature journalers followed by a Farmto-Table Brunch with beloved Garden Chef Lori Jenkins, featuring spring greens, farm fresh eggs and asparagus dishes to delight your taste buds, and then choose from guided drawing or farm tours. Bring your own preferred journaling supplies or start-up journal kits will be available onsite for \$10. Limit 12. Ages 8+ \$75pp.

Kayak with Birds & Wildlife 🖀



10am-2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$95pp, \$85 for kids under 12.

Guided Birding & Hike Tour to Grewingk Glacier Lake 🧀 🚟

10:30am-4pm | Check-in at Kachemak Bay Adventures, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$90pp. Ages 6 and up.

Birding Hot Spots - Homer 🗪

1-5pm | AMNWR Meet in parking lot

Hop on the bus with Wilderness Birding Adventures' Aaron Lang to find the hottest spots around Homer on the Spit, Kachemak Drive, Beluga Slough, Beluga Lake, and more. Learn about migration and bird lore while you are transported to each location by bus. Scopes will be provided. Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in the sand. Dress in layers and take water. A limited number of scopes will be available. Limit 20. \$40pp.

Marine Wildlife Tour



1-3pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega (AVAILABLE Thu/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. Limit 12. \$65pp, \$45 for kids 12 & under.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour



1-3pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su-8am, 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75pp.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past 🖀

1-5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kavak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. Limit 12. \$95pp. \$85 for kids 12 & under.





Flow with the Birds:. 1/2 Day Kayak Tour 🛣

1-5pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. Limit 12.

Build a Bird Feeder 🙉

3-5pm | Pratt Museum Trails & Parking Lot

Join U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff for this creative "Build a Bird Feeder" workshop. Learn about the "do's and don'ts" of feeding birds while also practicing your bird identification skills along the trail as you gather the materials needed to build your very own bird feeder. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Limit 20 bird feeders. \$15 per feeder (family members not building a feeder are free).

Family Friendly First Friday 소 🤡

4-6pm | Pratt Museum & Park

May 6 is the opening of a month-long special Shorebird Festival exhibit "A Moveable Feast" at the Pratt Museum and Park that celebrates Kachemak Bay as a place for migrating birds to rest and refuel. From 4-6 pm, get a closer look at birds from the museum's natural history collection and bird art at this free First Friday reception. There will be supplies on hand to make drawings and then your work will be added to this exhibit! Posters and information will be available about local bird research and citizen science opportunities. You can also tour the Museum to view other local birds on display as well as go birding on the Pratt Museum and Park trails. Museum hours during the Festival will be Wednesday through Sunday, 11am-4pm and the Park trails are always open. No limit. Free.

All Abilities Birding Outing 🦔 🕢

5-7pm | KHLT HQ, 315 Klondike Ave.

for ages 12 & up.

Join Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, Independent Learning Center TRAILs Program, and the City of Homer for a grand opening of the Poopdeck Platt Community Park Trail. A local birding expert will guide us along the public trail, right in the heart of town, pointing out sights and sounds of resident and visiting birds. This outing will include Birdability approved features and will be accessible to folks of all abilities. Additional details will be provided closer to the event date on our website, www.kachemaklandtrust.org. Limit 20. Free

Owls and Local Owl Banding Talk for Teens 🧟 🏈

KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL PROGRAM

5:30-7pm | AMNWR Outside back patio

Join local owl expert, Jason Sodergren, as he talks about the various owl species found on the Kenai Peninsula and the citizen science banding work that he does with them. Teens can also discover how they can volunteer to help Jason with his owl banding efforts throughout the year. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Limit 20 ages 12 to 18. Registration is required. Free.

Schantz Scholars Presentations



6-7:30pm | Homer Public Library

Joel Such presents The Development of the Tatamá Bird Monitoring *Program in the Western Andes of Colombia*, and Hannah Clipp presents A Look at Bird Migration with Weather Surveillance Radars. Full presentation descriptions on page 12. Limit 50. Free.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

High Tide: 8:35pm 12.6' | Low Tide: 1:36pm 3.0'

Morning at the Marsh 🗢 🏈

6-7:30am | Airport Viewing Platform

Beluga Lake has a wide variety of wildlife including moose, raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds and more. .Our guides will help find and identify what is there. Some scopes and identification books will be provided, if you have your own, please bring and do bring your binos and dress for the weather. Guide for this event is Jim Herbert. No limit. Free.

Beginner Forest Songbird Walk 💏

7:30-9am | Calvin & Coyle Trail

See Friday's 7:30am description. Limit 20. \$5pp.

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing

7:30am-2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec Area, **Lake Tractor Launch**

(AVAILABLE: Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 7:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$325pp.

Fins & Feathers Boat Tour



8-10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$50pp, \$30 for kids 4 & under.

6X6 BIRD ART & ADVENTURE AUCTION



Local artists and the 2022 festival artist Stacy Studebaker have created unique, handmade pieces inspired by Alaska's avian wonders. The art and other items will be auctioned online in support of the Festival.

Submissions can be viewed online at biddingowl.com/kachemakshorebird.

Items will be displayed in person at the Northern Vibes Artisan Gallery, 4025 Homer Spit Rd #12 beginning May 1 throughout the Festival.

Items up for auction:

- Original 6x6 Art Pieces
- Stacy Studebaker's original Festival artwork
- Contemporary folk artist David Personius wood carved sculpture of this year's featured shorebird, the Bar-tailed Godwit
- Travel, Fun and Bird Friendly Items!

Proceeds benefit the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival and ensure top-notch programs, speakers, and the ongoing legacy of the Festival.

Bidding opens April 18, and will close at noon on May 8.

Items may be picked up at Festival Headquarters or arranged for mailing.

Visit our auction at:

biddingowl.com/kachemakshorebird

SCHANTZ SCHOLARS

Sponsored by the Schantz Brothers Foundation, Encouraging the Passionate Study of Birds and Birdlife

Schantz Scholar Presentations 6pm | Friday, May 6 Homer Public Library. Limit 50.

Hannah Clipp: A Look at Bird Migration with Weather Surveillance Radars

Bird migration is one of the greatest spectacles in the world. In the United States, that spectacle can be detected and measured on a nationwide scale by a network of weather surveillance radars. Hannah Clipp explains the basics of how weather surveillance radars are used to detect migrating birds and other wildlife in the air and then reviews the applications of weather surveillance radars in avian research and management, with examples from her Master's thesis and other interesting studies.

Joel Such: The Development of the Tatamá Bird Monitoring Program in the Western Andes of Colombia

This presentation overviews the development of a new bird monitoring program in Tatamá National Natural Park and its buffer zone in the Western Andes of Colombia. Through long-term monitoring and the use of an innovative and rigorous data collection protocol, the Tatamá Bird Monitoring Program aims to generate baseline data of the region's bird life, identify population trends, increase the knowledge of understudied species and ecological communities, inform conservation actions, contribute knowledge to local and scientific communities, and build bridges between stakeholders. Not only will this presentation cover goals, its scientific methods and research questions, and the region's biological significance and threats, but also the presenter's personal adventures pioneering the project.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour 🖀

8-11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su-8am, 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75pp.

The Wise & Wonderful Journey



See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$85pp.

Diving with Alcids

8-11am | Mako's Water Taxi, Ramp 2 (AVAILABLĖ Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$125pp, \$80 for kids 12 & under.

Coldwater, Hot Birds 🏶

8-11am | Bottom of Ramp #3, Black and Gray Landing Craft (AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 5. \$85pp.

Cold Duck Time



See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75pp.

Seabird Sidetrip

9am-Noon | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12.** \$80pp, \$45 for kids under 12.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past

9am-1pm | Harbor Ramp 2, **True North Kayak Adventures Office** (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for description. Limit 12. \$95pp, \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Warm Cabin, Cool Birds 👼



9am-5pm | Meet at top of Homer Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Trana

(AVAILABLE W/Th/F/Sat/Sun)

See Wednesday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 6.** \$175pp.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour 🏶

9:30am-1:30pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Point Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$95pp.

Adult Beginning Birder Discovery Lab 📤 10-11am | AMNWR

Just starting out or want to improve your birdwatching skills? Explore interactive stations about birding skills and tools, bird identification, and local birds, their habitats and adaptations. Meet at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. No limit. Ages 15 and up. Free.

Stencil a T-Shirt!

10am-2pm | Tiny Trees Forest School, 59870 Kittiwake Ct. Children will choose a shorebird from original stencils, designed by Lorri Davis, to paint their own t-shirt. Simple instructions on stenciling techniques will be given. Children must be accompanied by an adult and younger children will need help from their adults. This event includes acrylic paint. Smocks will be available but, as we know, paint is not always confined to a smock, so, old clothes are recommended. All supplies provided, including T-Shirt. Sign up for a TIME SLOT. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Limit 6 students/class on $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. and last for 30 minutes. \$20pp. Kids ages 4-15.

Gulls & Glaciers 🛷 🎆

10am-4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$125 pp, \$115 for kids ages 8-12.



AP...... Anchor Point Beach Parking

AR...... Anchor River State Rec. Area

BB...... Bishop's Beach

BHP Boat House Pavilion

BLL Beluga Lake Lodge

BLP..... Beluga Lake Platform

BT Baycrest Trail

CCT Calvin and Coyle Trail

CACS Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACS)

CL Cycle Logical

CSY CACS Yurt

H...... Harbor (see detailed map)

HB Homer Brewing Co.

HC...... Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

HQ Festival Headquarters: Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center KBRR ... Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

LL....Louie's Lagoon

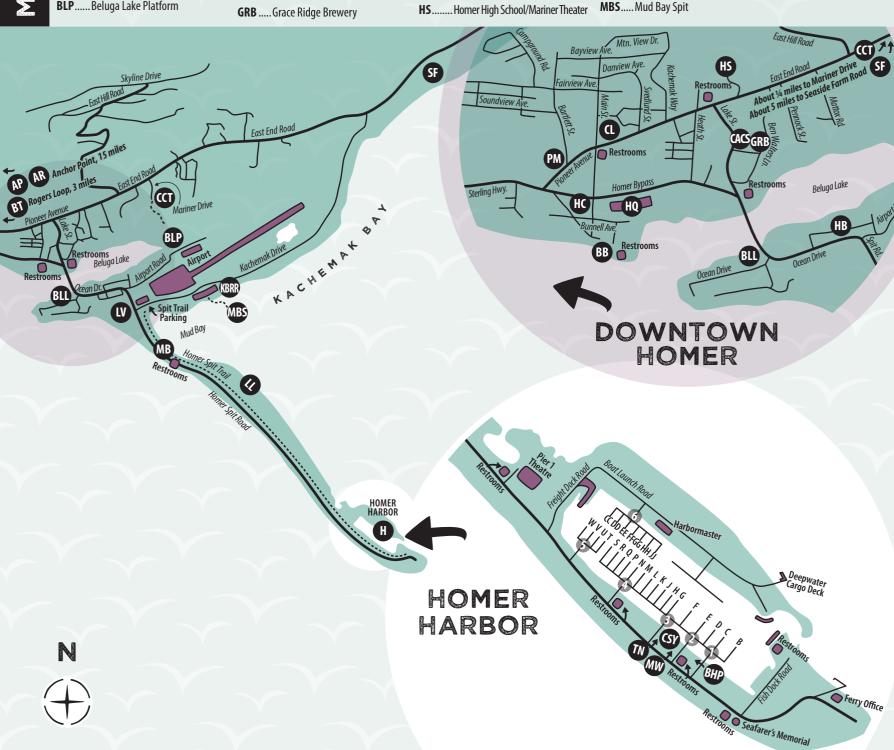
LV Lighthouse Village (Shorebird Viewing Station)

MB...... Mud Bay (Shorebird Viewing Station)

MW..... Mako's Water Taxi

PM Pratt Museum SF Seaside Farms

TN True North Kayak



FRIDAY, MAY 6

HIGH TIDE: 7:29PM 13.4' | LOW TIDE: 12:42PM 1.8'

SHOREBIRD FESTIVALSCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

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8:30am-3pm		Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife and Natural History Tour	H Ramp 6, EE-21, M/V Pinbone	\$175	7:30-9am	♂	Beginner Forest Songbird Walk		Calvin & Coyle Trail	\$5
9am-5pm		Warm Cabin, Cool Birds	H Ramp 2, M/V Trana	\$175	7-8:30am	♂	Int/Adv Shorebird Walk		Mud Bay	\$7
3-6pm	* 3 3	International Bird Migration Adventure	Alaska Maritime National Wildli Refuge (AMNWR) Outside	fe Included	7am-3pm	♂	Overlook Park Hike		AMNWR Meet in parking lot	\$15
3:30-5:30pm	* R O	Pratt Museum & Park Guided Trails Tour	Pratt Museum & Park	Included	7:30am-2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear and	l Bird Viewing	Anchor River State Rec. Area, Laun	ch \$325
		TUIDCHAV	MAVE		8-10am		Feathers & Fins Boat Tour		H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Offic	e \$50/\$30 kids
HIGL		THURSDAY, 6:37PM 14.5' LOW		O 42	8-11am		Beaks and Bills Boat Tour		H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75
TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST	8-10am		The Wise and Wonderful Journey		H Ramp 2, Alan's Water Taxi	\$85
7:30am-2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear and Bird Viewing	Anchor River State Rec. Area, Laun		8-11am		Diving with Alcids		H Ramp 2, Makoʻs Water Taxi	\$125/\$80 kids
8-10am		Beaks and Bills Boat Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75	8-11am		Coldwater, Hot Birds		H Ramp 3, Black & Gray Landing Cra	ıft \$85
8-10am		Fins and Feathers Boat Tour	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Offic		8:30am-3pm		Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife &	Natural History To	our H Ramp 6, EE-21, M/V Pinbone	\$175
8-11am		The Wise and Wonderful Journey	H Ramp 2, Alan's Water Taxi	\$85	8:30-11am		Cold Duck Time		H Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion	\$75
8:30am-12:30pm	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	Birding Hot Spots - Anchor River	AMNWR Meet in parking lot	\$40	9am-12pm		Seabird Sidetrip		H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$80/\$45 kids
8-11am		Diving with Alcids	H Ramp 2, Mako's Water Taxi	\$125/\$80 kids	9am-1pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past		H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Offic	e \$95/\$85 kids
8:30am-3pm		Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History	, .		9:30am-1:30pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kay	ak Tour	H Ramp 3, St. Augustine Kayak & Tou	rs \$95
8:30-11am		Cold Duck Time	H Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion	\$75	9am-5pm		Warm Cabin, Cool Birds		H Ramp 2, M/V Trana	\$175
9-11am	₹	Cookies & Coffee and Songbird Walkabout	Seaside Farm	\$30/\$10 kids	9am-12pm		S.O.B. (Spouses of Birders) Art Cla	iss	Tiny Trees Forest School	\$60
9am-12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$80/\$45 kids	10-11:30am	ፙ ፟®️Ø	Pre-K Family Birding Walk		Louie's Lagoon on the Homer Spi	t Included
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9am-5pm		Warm Cabin, Cool Birds	H Ramp 2, M/V Trana	\$175	10-11:30am	ॐ ∕	Nature Journaling + Farm-to-Bru	ınch	Synergy Gardens High Tunnel	\$75
9am-1pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kayak Tour	H Ramp 2, St. Augustine Kayak & Tou	rs \$95	10am-2pm		Kayak with Birds and Wildlife		H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Offic	e \$95/\$85 kids
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10am-2pm		Kayak with Birds and Wildlife	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Offic	e \$95/\$85 kids	1-3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour		H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$45 kids
10:30am-4pm	♂ ∰	Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier La	ske Kachemak Bay Adventures	\$90	1-3pm		Beaks and Bills Boat Tour		H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75
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1-3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$45 kids	1-5pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kay	ak Tour	H Ramp 3, St. Augustine Kayak & Tou	rs \$95
1-5pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Offic	e \$95/\$85 kids	3-5pm		Build a Bird Feeder		Pratt Museum Trails & Parking Lot	\$15
1-5pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kayak Tour	H Ramp 2, St. Augustine Kayak & Tou	rs \$95	4-6pm	4 Ø	Family Friendly First Friday		Pratt Museum & Park	Included
3:30-5pm	∞® ⊘	Mud Bay Family Walk - Anchor River #1	Meet at KBNERR parking lot	Included	5-7pm	∞⊗	All Abilities Birding Outing		Kachemak Heritage Land Trust	Included
5-7pm		Bird Pottery/Painting Workshop for Teens	AMNWR Back Patio	\$20	5:30-7pm	2 0	Owls and Local Owl Banding Talk	for Teens	AMNWR Outside back patio	Included

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Schantz Scholars Presentations

Homer Public Library

Included

6-7:30pm

1:30-2:30 pm

2-3pm

3-5pm

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TIME







Boat Tour

COST

SATURDAY, MAY 7 HIGH TIDE: 8:35PM 12.6' | LOW TIDE: 1:36PM 3.0'

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6-7:30am	∞ ∅	Morning at the Marsh	Airport Viewing Platform	Included
7:30-9am	₹	Beginner Forest Songbird Walk	Calvin & Coyle Trail	\$5
7:30am-2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear and Bird Viewing	Anchor River State Rec. Area, Launch	h \$325
8-10am		Fins & Feathers Boat Tour	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$50/\$30 kids
8-11am		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75
8-10am		The Wise and Wonderful Journey	Alan's Water Taxi	\$85
8-11am		Diving with Alcids	H Ramp 2, Mako's Water Taxi	\$125/\$80 kids
8-11am		Coldwater, Hot Birds	H Ramp 3, Black & Gray Landing Craft	\$85
8:30-11am		Cold Duck Time	H Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion	\$75
9am-12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$80/\$45 kids
9am-1pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kids
9am-5pm		Warm Cabin, Cool Birds	H Ramp 2, M/V Trana	\$175
9:30am-1:30pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kayak Tour	H Ramp 3, St. Augustine Kayak & Tour	\$ \$95
10-11am	4	Adult Beginning Birder Discovery Lab	AMNWR	Included
10am-2pm		Stencil a T-Shirt!	Tiny Trees Forest School	\$20
10am-4pm		Gulls and Glaciers	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$125/\$115 kids
10am-2pm		Kayak with Birds and Wildlife	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kids
10:30am-4pm		Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake	Kachemak Bay Adventures	\$90
11:30am-1:30pm	48	Jr. Birder Discovery Lab	AMNWR	Included
1-2:30pm	₹ 0	Creatures of the Dock Tour	Center for Alaska Coastal Studies (CACS) Yurt on the Spit	\$10/\$5 kids
1-3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$45 kids
1-5pm	₹	Birding Hot Spots - Homer	AMNWR Meet in parking lot	\$40
1-4pm		Beaks and Bills Boat Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
1-5pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kids
1-5pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kayak Tour	H Ramp 2, St. Augustine Kayak & Tour	\$ \$95
1-3:30pm	4	Creating Personal Photo Mandalas with iPad or iPhon with Stacy Studebaker	^e Homer Council on the Arts	\$25
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Camera Craft for Nature Photography - Beg/Int

The Life and Times of CoRivds, Katrina Peavy

Audubon Alaska Presentation:

Bird Photography Walk for Teens

Annual Bird Calling Contest

AMNWR Outside back patio

Alice's Champagne Palace

Homer Brewing Co., outdoors

Meet at AMNWR outside back patio Included

Included

SATURDAY, CONTINUED... KFY **EVENT TITLE** LOCATION

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8-11am		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75
8-10am		The Wise and Wonderful Journey	Alan's Water Taxi	\$85
9-10:30am	A	Junior Birder Workshop: Build a Bird with Clay	AMNWR	Included
8-11am		Diving with Alcids	H Ramp 2, Mako's Water Taxi	\$125/\$80 kids
9-11am	₹	Cookies & Coffee and Songbird Walkabout	Seaside Farm	\$30/\$10 kids
9am-12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$80/\$45 kids
1-5pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kids
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9am-5pm		Warm Cabin, Cool Birds	H Ramp 2, M/V Trana	\$175
10-11:30am	∞	Shorebirding by Ear in the Field	AMNWR Outside Back Patio	\$7
10am-4pm	ሙ 🚊	Gulls & Glaciers	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$125/\$115 kids

ds	1-5pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kid
	9am-1pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kayak Tour	H Ramp 3, St. Augustine Kayak & Tour	\$ \$95
	9am-5pm		Warm Cabin, Cool Birds	H Ramp 2, M/V Trana	\$175
	10-11:30am	∞	Shorebirding by Ear in the Field	AMNWR Outside Back Patio	\$7
	10am-4pm	ሙ 🚊	Gulls & Glaciers	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$125/\$115 ki
	10am-2pm		Kayak with Birds and Wildlife	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kid
	10:30am-4pm	ሙ 🚊	Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake	Kachemak Bay Adventures	\$90
ds	10am-12pm	∞	Anchor River Bird Walk	Anchor River State Recreation Area	\$30
	11am-4pm	ሙ 🚊	Friendship Walk	H Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion	\$70
ds	11am-4pm	∞ ∰ 	Glacier Birding Hike for Teens	H Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion	\$35
ds	12:30-1pm		Jr. Birder Awards Ceremony	AMNWR Back patio	Included
	1-2:30	∞	Creatures of the Dock Tours	CACS Yurt on the Spit	\$10/\$5 kids
	1-3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$45 kid
	1-3pm		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75
	1-5pm		Kayaking into the Ancient Past	H Ramp 2, True North Kayak Office	\$95/\$85 kid
	1-5pm		Flow with the Birds: Half Day Kayak Tour	H Ramp 2, St. Augustine Kayak & Tour	s \$50
	3-4 or 6-7pm	7	Ballet of the Birds	Land's End Quarterdeck	\$12/\$7 kids

SHOREBIRD CHECKLIST



U = UNCOMMON R = RARE



Plovers	Sandpipers and Phalaropes	Surfbird
Black-bellied Plover	Greater Yellowlegs	Red Knot, U
American Golden-Plover, U	Lesser Yellowlegs	Sanderling, U
Pacific Golden-Plover, U	Wandering Tattler	Solitary Sandpi
Semipalmated Plover	Whimbrel	Spotted Sandp
Killdeer, R	Bristle-thighed Curlew, R	Semipalmated
Y	Hudsonian Godwit, U	Sharp-tailed Sa
Oystercatchers	Bar-tailed Godwit, U	Stilt Sandpiper,
Black Oystercatcher, U	Marbled Godwit, U	Western Sandp

Ruddy Turnstone, U

Black Turnstone

Suribilu	rectoral Samupiper
Red Knot, U	Rock Sandpiper, U
Sanderling, U	Dunlin
Solitary Sandpiper, R	Short-billed Dowitcher
Spotted Sandpiper	Long-billed Dowitcher,
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Wilson's Snipe
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, R	Red-necked Phalarope
Stilt Sandpiper, R	Red Phalarope, R
Western Sandpiper	Red-necked Stint, R
Least Sandpiper	Temminck's Stint, R
Baird's Sandpiper, R	Ruff, R

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SATURDAY, MAY 7



Kayak with Birds & Wildlife 🕷

10am-2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 15. \$95pp, \$85 for kids under 12.

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake 🥗 🏯



See Thursday, 10:30am listing for event description. **Limit** 12. \$90pp. Ages 6 & up.

Jr. Birder Discovery Lab 소 🙈

11:30am-1:30pm | AMNWR

Kids and their families can explore this interactive in-person discovery lab at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. You'll learn basic birding skills, use to learn birding tools, practice identifying birds, and find out more about bird habitats and adaptations. Stations will include games, a short trail walk, and a bird craft. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder event requirements and guided walks. Free. No limit.

Creatures of the Dock Tour 🦚

1-2:30pm | Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACS) Yurt on Homer Spit

Take a tour of the amazing intertidal life right under your feet at Homer Harbor docks. Based out of the CACS Yurt on the Spit, a trained naturalist will guide you through an amazing exploration of invertebrate life in our Harbor! Limit 30.

\$10pp. \$5 for kids 12 & under. Free for kids under 2.

Marine Wildlife Tour Ŝ



(AVAILABLE Thu/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. Limit 12. \$65pp. \$45 for kids under 12.

Birding Hot Spots - Homer 🕫

1-5pm | AMNWR Meet in parking lot

Hop on the bus with Wilderness Birding Adventures' Aaron Lang to find the hottest spots around Homer on the Spit, Kachemak Drive, Beluga Slough, Beluga Lake, and more. Learn about migration and bird lore while you are transported to each location by bus. Scopes will be provided. Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in the sand. Dress in layers and take water. A limited number of scopes will be available. Limit 20. \$40pp.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour



See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75pp. \$50 for kids 12 & under.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past 🏶



See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. Limit 12. \$95pp. \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

1-5pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, Ramp 2 Parking lot

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$95pp.**

Festival Artist Workshop: Creating Personal Photo Mandalas with iPad or iPhone

1-3:30pm | Homer Council on the Arts

Led by Festival Artist, Stacy Studebaker. This workshop will help you to create personal digital mandalas with items that you choose. Find more information and supplies list on page 7. Fully vaccinated & mask required. Limit 12. \$25pp.



ALASKA

From the icy, bountiful waters of the Arctic Ocean to the misty, salmon-rich rainforests of the Tongass National Forest, Audubon Alaska works to conserve our spectacular birds, wildlife and habitats. We employ science and state-of-the-art mapping technology to drive our conservation priorities, with an emphasis on protecting public lands and waters for generations to come. Learn more at *AudubonAlaska.org* and follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@audubonalaska1), and Instagram (@audubonalaska). Audubon Alaska is a proud sponsor of the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival.

Presentation: The Life & Times of CoRvids

2pm | Saturday, May 7 *Alice's Champagne Palace*

Katrina Peavey hails from Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska. Her primary focus is to harness the power of storytelling activism to connect with audiences and amplify our united voices to conserve Alaska's birds and vital habitat.

Join Katrina for a discussion about The Life & Times of Corvids and a closer look into the day-to-day lives of our favorite Corvidae birds found in Alaska including crows, ravens, and magpies. Delve into the history of these magnificent and fascinating birds, and their significance across arts, literature, and culture. Our discussion wouldn't be complete without also addressing current trends and threats to these beloved birds, and we hope you join us in celebrating this spectacular family. A guiz with prizes will follow.

SPRING SIGHTINGS



Kachemak Bay is home not only to the spring shorebird migration, but many other hard-to-find bird species as well. Early May brings the first warblers and swallows to Homer, along with Sandhill Cranes, Arctic and Aleutian Terns, Fork-tailed Stormpetrels and Tufted and Horned Puffins, Cormorants, Common Murres and Blacklegged Kittiwakes can be found near their nesting sites on Gull Island, and Common Eider, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled and Kittlitz's Murrelets are visible on Kachemak Bay. Look for Eurasian Wigeons in Mud Bay and Beluga Lake. Find American Threetoed and Hairy Woodpeckers in the spruce wood areas. The southside of Kachemak Bay's Northern temperate coastal rainforest attracts different species from the drier north shore and boreal forest. Though not a shorebird, the always-sought-after Bald Eagle can be spotted frequently on shore and in the sky. Many of the 236 species of birds recorded for Kachemak Bay may be visible during Shorebird Festival weekend.

For a complete species list, stop by the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center or go online: **kachemakbaybirders.org**.

Camera Craft for Nature Photography - Beg/Int 🙈

1:30-2:30pm | AMNWR Outside back patio

Lisa Hupp is a communications specialist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Join Lisa for Camera Craft for Nature Photography, a tips-and-tricks workshop. This beginner to intermediate level photography workshop explores basic photography concepts, creative tips, and technical tricks when bringing your camera outside. We'll look at wildlife and landscape photographs from Alaska's national wildlife refuges to illustrate concept examples, discuss creative storytelling choices in the field, and cover some basic camera settings you can experiment with on your own equipment. Bring your own camera, smartphone cameras welcome. Workshop will be outside but real time field photography will not be a major component of the class. Limit 20. \$7pp.

Audubon Alaska Presentation: 🌥 🌣 🏈 The Life & Times of CoRvids, Katrina Peavy

2-3pm | Alice's Champagne Palace, 195 E. Pioneer Ave.

The day-to-day lives of some of our favorite Corvidae birds found in Alaska including crows, ravens and magpies. Find more information and full event description in the Audubon Alaska section on page 17. **No limit. Free, but please register so the venue can prepare.**

Bird Photography Walk for Teens 🖚 🔯 🟈

3-5pm | AMNWR Outside back patio & Beluga Slough Trail

Teen birders are invited to join U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Rangers Katey and Lisa during this bird photography hike. Participants will learn tips for taking pictures of birds while also trying their hand at taking photos of birds using a variety of photography tools from smart phones (and attachments) to high-end cameras. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Limit 15 for ages 12 to 18. Registration is required. Free.

Annual Bird Calling Contest 🕉

3:30-5pm | Homer Brewing Co. 1411 Lake Shore Dr., Outdoors

Tune up your vocal chords and tweet your favorite bird all or make up your own for the 9th Annual "What the Heck Kind of Bird was That?" bird calling competition. Professional guest judges will determine winners in both serious and not-so-serious bird calling categories. Prizes for top competitors. Registration starts at 3:30pm and competition begins at

4pm, awards and prizes given out at 5pm. Contact the Homer Brewing Co. at 235-3626 with questions. (Ages 21+ unless accompanied by a guardian). No limit. Free.

Premier of Refuge Alaska Film Fest! 🕉

6pm | Homer High School Auditorium

Screening *Refuge Alaska*, *Izembek: Where Life Abounds*, and *Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge*. With videography by Ian Shive, Gerrit Vyn and others and music by Grammy winning bands: Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit, Josh Ritter, Lake Street Dive and The Mountain Goats. See Film Festival section on page 9 for full film descriptions. **No limit. Registration is required. Free.**

SUNDAY, MAY 8

High Tide: 7:42am 13.0' | Low Tide: 2:43pm 3.7'

Morning at the Marsh 🗢 🏈

6-7:30am | Airport Viewing Platform

Beluga Lake has a wide variety of wildlife including moose, raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds and more. .Our guides will help find and identify what is there. Some scopes and identification books will be provided, if you have your own, please bring and do bring your binos and dress for the weather. Guide for this event is Jim Herbert. No limit. Free.

Overlook Park Hike 💏

7am-3pm | AMNWR Meet in parking lot (AVAILABLE F/Su)

See Friday, 7am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$15pp (must be at least 12 years old).

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing

7:30am-2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec Area, Beach Tractor Launch

(AVAILABLE: Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 7:30am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$325pp.**

Feathers & Fins Boat Tour



See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$50pp. \$30 for kids under 4.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour 🏶

8-11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su-8am, 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$75pp.**

The Wise & Wonderful Journey 🎉



See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$85pp.**

Junior Birder Workshop: Build a Bird with Clay 🗟 📤 🧭

9-10:30am | AMNWR Outside back picnic table

Join Ranger Kendra with the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge during this fun and crafty workshop to learn about various local bird species. Pick your favorite one and then try your hand at sculpting it with clay. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Limit 20. Free but please register.

Diving with Alcids 🏯

8-11am | Mako's Water Taxi, Ramp 2

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$125pp. \$80 for kids 12 & under.

Cookies & Coffee and Songbird Walkabout 🏍

9-11am | Seaside Farm

(AVAILABLĖ Th/Sun)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 30. \$30pp. \$10 for kids under 12.**

Seabird Sidetrip 👼

9am-Noon | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am for event description. Limit 12. \$80pp. \$45 for kids under 12.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past 嚴

1-5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su) See Thursday, 9am listing for description. Limit 12. \$95pp. \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

9am-1pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Point Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot. (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$95pp.**

Warm Cabin, Cool Birds 🕷

9am-5pm | Meet at top of Homer Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Trana

(AVAILABLE W/Th/F/Sat/Sun)

See Wednesday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$175pp.**

Shorebirding by Ear in the Field 🦚

10-11:30am | AMNWR Outside back patio

Join local expert birder Dave Erickson for an introduction to shorebirds and their sounds outside on the visitor center patio before heading out on foot to nearby Beluga Slough and Bishop's Beach to listen. Put new skills into action with guided practice in this field based workshop. **Limit 20. \$7pp.**

Gulls & Glaciers 🕫 🗒

10am-4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$125 pp. \$115 for kids ages 8-12.

Kayak WITH Birds & Wildlife 🎥

10am-2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$95pp, \$85 kids under 12

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake 🗪 🏯

10:30am-4pm | Check-in at Kachemak Bay Adventures, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 3 Parking lot (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10:30am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$90pp ages 6 and up.**



WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

WWF Salutes the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival

For more than two decades, World Wildlife Fund has worked to protect America's most remarkable Arctic places and the species that live there. With WWF colleagues in other nations, we work across the Arctic to conserve ecosystem functioning for wildlife and people.

Today we're committed to minimizing threats posed by increasing trans-arctic shipping, supporting community-led area-based conservation, protecting the Bristol Bay watershed from large-scale mining, and reducing human/polar bear conflict along Alaska's northern coast.

The WWF US Arctic Program has been a proud sponsor of the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival since 2008. We salute the Festival's organizers, volunteers, and US Fish & Wildlife Service staff who continue to help us all understand, celebrate, and protect our returning shorebirds as they pass through Kachemak Bay en route to their Arctic breeding grounds.

BIRD HOUSE, BIRD FEED

Beluga Lake Lodge

204 Ocean Drive Loop 907-235-5995

belugalakelodging.com

Lakefront accommodations and dining, perfect for bird viewing while you relax on the deck or inside. We offer a variety of lodging accommodations to fit every need and budget! Our friendly and professional staff are happy to offer birders a nest away from home. Ask about our discounts—no charge for the view!

La Baleine Cafe

4460 Homer Spit Rd. 907-299-6672

labaleinecafe.com

Owned and operated by chefs Kirsten Dixon and Mandy Dixon, La Baleine Cafe is committed to offering the freshest organic and local ingredients as possible, and are dedicated to consciously sourced materials. They value Alaska regional and local, artisan, handmade and homegrown products. Festival participants will receive 15% off their purchases during the Festival dates. Boxed breakfast and lunch are available for purchase, as well as homemade baked goods for a treat between events! Pre-order meals are welcome or stop in on your way to a tour. Open at 7am, 15% discount by mentioning Shorebird Festival.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Anchor River Bird Walk 🥶 🏈

10am-12pm | Anchor River State Recreation Area

Discover the hottest birding spots along the Anchor River. Seabirds, songbirds, shorebirds, water birds, raptors and more! Join our experienced guides for a 3 mile walk along the cobble beach and Anchor River to its mouth. There's the potential to see rarities like Bristle-thighed Curlew, Glaucous Gulls or Horned Lark. More common are Whimbrels, Yellowlegs, Scoters, Loons, Guillemots, Mergansers, "peeps", Harlequin Ducks, and Murrelets. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in the sand. Dress in layers and take water and binoculars. Limit 10. \$30pp.

Friendship Walk 💏 🖀

11am-4pm | Harbor, Top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion

Join the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park for a cruise across the Bay, breaking for birds along the way. Guided by experienced ornithologists, tour two lagoons, trace the Glacier Spit shoreline, and detour into the forest to experience a variety of unique habitats while helping to support an important organization. Bring lunch. Mako's Water Taxi, enclosed boat with open back access. No facilities. Proceeds benefit Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park. Limit 15. \$70pp.

Glacier Birding Hike for Teens 🏶 🗪 🕮

11am-4pm | Harbor, Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion

Join CACS and KBNERR staff for a six-mile trek to hang out on a glacial lake beach, watch icebergs float around and have a snack - you should see and hear birds along the way! The trail starts in stands of cottonwood and spruce trees and travels across the glacial plain until it ends at Grewingk Glacier Lake. An epic, fun trip to cap off the Shorebird Festival! *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Limit 13. Registration is required. \$35pp ages 12 to 18.

Jr. Birder Awards Ceremony 🗟 🤡



Join fellow Jr. Birders for the Jr. Birder Award Ceremony. Participants will get the opportunity to showcase the birding art, activities and photos they created throughout the festival. They will also be awarded for achieving their Jr. Birder level requirements. No limit. Free.

Creatures of the Dock Tours 🌣

1-2:30pm | CACS Yurt on the Spit (AVAILABLE Sa/Su)

See Saturday, 1pm listing for event description. Limit 30. \$10pp. \$5 for kids under 12. Kids under 2 free.

Marine Wildlife Tour



See Thursday, 1pm for event description. Limit 12. \$65pp. \$45 for kids under 12.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour



(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su-8am, 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. **Limit 12.** \$75pp.

Kayaking into the Ancient Past 🎥

1-5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday 9am listing for description. **Limit 12. \$95pp.** \$85 for kids 12 & under.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour 🏝

1-5pm | Check-in at St. Augustine Kayak & Tours, between Coal Pt. Seafoods & Ramp 2 Parking lot.

(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

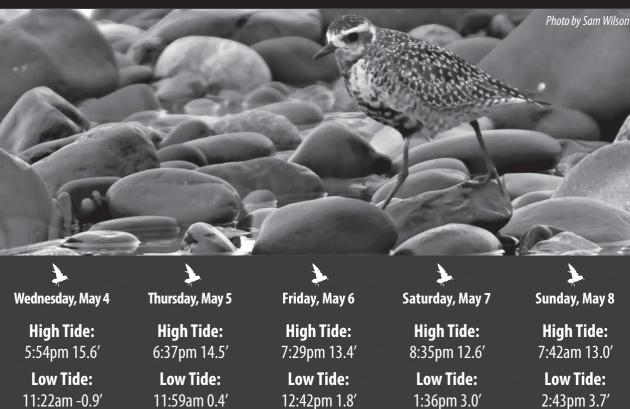
See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12.** \$50pp.

Ballet of the Birds 💃

3-4pm or 6-7pm | Land's End Quarterdeck

Join Breezy Berryman, a Homer dancer and choreographer inspired by art, literature, music, and nature for a premiering spring show. She and her students will be premiering a spring show featuring different birds from some famous and not so famous ballets. These excerpts of ballet performances will feature a multitude of birds. There will be a brief introduction before each selection to give the audience insight into the birds and ballet. No limit. \$12pp. \$7 for kids under 12.

BIRDS & TIDES



Advice from a Bird: Be aware of the tides.

Tides in Alaska can be extreme at times. The best time to spot shorebirds is just after high tide. High tide signals roosting time for most shorebirds. With their feeding grounds flooded, the birds settle into tidal marsh areas, beaches, and along rocky shorelines The high water deposits a new batch of pickings for the shorebirds twice a day. As the tide retreats, the saturated sand in the shallows becomes loose. The loose sand is easy for the birds to probe for fresh prey with their sensitive beaks. As the tide starts to move back out, so too will the birds, well rested and once again looking to feed. Now, instead of the birds being pushed towards you with the incoming tide, you are following them as they fan out along the beach.

Shorebirds typically have relatively longer legs to allow their bodies to remain dry as they wade. Their toes are also longer to provide a larger footprint. This helps to prevent them from sinking into the soft mud and sand where they hunt. Many have longer beaks allowing them to penetrate deeper into the floor in search of a tasty morsel.

The silt and mud of the shallow waters is where the birds wade and sift the bed for food. Mollusks, worms, invertebrates, and other crustaceans make up the shorebird's staple diet.

Pick your spot, get low, and move only when necessary. And be careful not to get so caught up in these wonderful birds that you forget where the water is. Be mindful as the water flows in and out; the last thing you want to do is get your camera wet.

Keep in mind, that as fun and rewarding as it is to capture a great photo or check off one of your top 5, the health and safety of the birds is paramount. Protect the birds and their homes, and they'll be around to visit for years to come.

MORE TO DO IN HOMER

Bear Creek Winery Tasting & Tours!

Tastings & Tours: 11am-6pm | Wednesday-Sunday, May 4-8 60203 Bear Creek Drive | 907-318-2470

We invite you to do a tasting and walk our beautiful gardens while enjoying the spectacular views of Kachemak Bay. Our new Glacier Bear Wines are Alaska's leading unblended fruit wine, receiving national and international acclaim for its unwavering loyalty to creating wines from Alaskan grown fruit. These wines showcase the unique character of our rich and wild terrain with ingredients sourced entirely in Alaska soils. Don't forget to pick up a bottle of special label wine printed in honor of the Shorebird Festival.

Festival Opening Reception

4:30-6pm | Saturday, May 7 Homer Chamber of Commerce, 201 Sterling Highway in Old Town Homer

The Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is honored to host an Opening Reception celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Shorebird Festival. Appetizers and refreshments including mead, wine, beer, and sparkling water will be served. Note: Alaska State and local Covid 19 protocols on that date will be followed at the reception which may or may not include wearing masks and social distancing. Limit 50. Free.

Community Worship Service

9-11am | Sunday, May 8 Bishop's Beach Picnic Pavilion

Hosted by Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Heidorn invites all to join their congregation for this outdoor worship service. **No limit. Free.**

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN



In 1993 a group of Homer residents got together, dreaming up an event to educate the public about the importance of shorebirds and their habitat. These early volunteers set our Festival in motion 30 years ago and we are grateful for the community support we receive for the Festival today.

The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival would not be possible without the continued commitment and support of our wonderful volunteers. Over 80 dedicated folks come together to offer their time and expertise ensuring the success, longevity and spunk of this community Festival.

A big **THANK YOU** to each and every volunteer who has donated their time to manage our Viewing Stations, lead bird walks, count attendees, carry scopes, edit this program, create art pieces, offer their wisdom and everything in between.

CRANE CLUB

Many thanks to our Crane Club financial supporters!

The Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service would like to recognize and thank our many generous supporters who make the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival possible.

Visit kachemakshorebird.org/crane-club for a complete list of the sponsors and to find out how you can be involved!

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Become a member! Donate online at: **kachemakshorebird.org/crane-club**

JUNIOR BIRDER PROGRAM

Junior Birder Program for ages 5-15

The Junior Birder program gets youth and families outside to learn birding basics. Attend family-friendly festival events and complete a personal birding journal. Both new and returning Junior Birders can register online or in person. Previous year journals and first year activity packets can be picked up at Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.. Activity packets, event schedules and requirement checklists can also be downloaded or printed from the Junior Birder website below. Look for this icon for Junior Birder events!

Some of this year's Junior Birder activities include, but are not limited to:

Junior Birder Discovery Labs

- Pre-K Puffins All About the Bar-tailed Godwit
- Self-Guided Family Bird Search Walks on Local Trails
- Bird Feeder Workshop

Go to our website for information about Junior Birder requirements: **kachemakbayshorebird.org/JuniorBirder** or contact Ranger Kendra at 907-226-4606.



Junior Birder Award Ceremony
12:30-1pm Sunday, May 8 | AMNWR Outside back patio
There will be opportunities to share pictures and drawings of
Junior Birders adventures!

Sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve and UAA.

Teen Birder Events for ages 12-18

The festival is offering events specifically designed for teen birders ages 12-18. These events help to bring young enthusiastic birders together to celebrate birds through hikes, art, photography, and more. Look for this icon next to an event to identify teen birder activities.

Bird Painting Art Workshop for Teens

5-7pm Thursday, May 5 | AMNWR Outside back patio

Owls and Local Owl Banding Talk for Teens 5:30-7pm Friday, May 6 | AMNWR Outside back patio

Bird Photography Walk for Teens

5-7pm Saturday, May 7 | *AMNWR Outside back patio* & *Beluga Slough Trail*

Glacier Birding Hike for Teens

11am-4pm Sunday, May 8 | Harbor, Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion





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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS, PRESENTERS, & GUIDES

KENDRA BUSH is the Environmental Education Specialist for Alaska Maritime NWR, teaching students in grades pre-K through 12th. She is a member of the Shorebird Festival Planning Committee.

HANNAH CLIPP, SCHANTZ SCHOLAR, discovered a passion for birding and bird research seven years ago during a summer spent on Konza Prairie in Kansas. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Natural Resources Science as a PhD candidate in the West Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at West Virginia University.

LAURIE DANIEL is a Wildlife Restoration Biologist and a Board member of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society. Through KBCS, Laurie was very involved in the local effort to establish Overlook Park and has led the springtime hikes during Shorebird Festival for too many years to count.

STEVE DELEHANTY is the Manager of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

DAVE ERICKSON is a professional biologist with over 40 years of experience birding in Homer. He compiles data for the annual Christmas Bird Count in Homer, and has volunteered with the Shorebird Festival since its beginning: at the viewing stations, leading bird walks and giving presentations.

CONRAD FIELD is a professional naturalist and biologist. He often works as a seasonal field botanist with several government agencies.

LORA HALLER is the Visitor Center Manager for the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Since 2004, she has worked as a park ranger leading families, adults, and students in outdoor programming.

INGRID HARRALD is the Education Coordinator for Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. She has worked on St. Lazaria Island as a seabird biologist and a YCC crew leader for Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

JIM HERBERT is a 45+ year resident of the Kenai Peninsula. He is a retired mariner and fisherman who is active in the Homer community. As an active birder he especially enjoys visiting remote Alaska locations.

LISA HUPP is a Communications Specialist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and uses photography and videography to help tell conservation stories and connect people with Alaska's refuges.

AARON LANG is co-owner of Wilderness Birding Adventures and Tour Leader. He serves on the Alaska Bird Checklist Committee, the American Birding Association Checklist Committee, and the board of Audubon Alaska.

GEORGE MATZ is an avid birder and serves on the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council, Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee, and Kachemak Bay Birders. He teaches a birding course at Kenai Peninsula College and organizes the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Monitoring Project each spring.

KATRINA PEAVEY, AUDUBON ALASKA,

hails from Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska. Her primary focus is to harness the power of storytelling activism to connect with audiences and amplify our united voices to conserve Alaska's birds and vital habitat.

JASON SODERGREN is an electrical engineer, birder and bird bander living in Homer. He is a part of the Shorebird Festival Planning Committee.

JOEL SUCH, SCHANTZ SCHOLAR, is a conservation biologist, wildlife photographer, and bird guide from Lyons, Colorado. Joel is deeply committed to community-based conservation and multicultural, collaborative projects which build support for birds across their entire range.

BETH TROWBRIDGE is the Executive Director for the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies and has been leading natural history and science education programs for youth and adults in Homer for over 13 years.

TAMARA ZELLAR is an Outreach Biologist with the USFWS Migratory Bird Branch in Anchorage, AK.



The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival Committee would like to thank each and every one of our presenters for their energy and enthusiasm, and for sharing their vast wealth of knowledge during this year's Festival.

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This is the first time in 20 years that we are celebrating the return of the birds to Homer without Betty Siegel, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in September 2021. Betty was a great friend to many, a guiding light of the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival and a founding board member of the Friends of Alaska's National Wildlife Refuges. She served passionately as the volunteer coordinator for both organizations for many years. Beginning with a piping plover she spotted on Prince Edward Island in the 1980s, she fell in love with birding and traveled all over the world, amassing a life list of more than 3,500 birds. She settled in Homer in 2002, where she was active with the Kachemak Bay Birders, the Festival, and Friends.

Betty always had the time, patience, and kindness to share her passion with other birders (and many would-be-birders). She dedicated close to two decades to volunteer service for wildlife conservation. She is greatly missed by friends, family, refuge staff, and everyone else involved in planning and volunteering for the Festival. Her energy, enthusiasm, and hard work helped make the Festival possible.

To honor the life and work of Betty Siegal, contemporary folk artist David Personius gifted a carved sculpture of this year's featured shorebird, the bar-tailed godwit, to the Festival.

David uses his art to help promote the existence of birds and the conservation and preservation of the Arctic regions and habitats that are crucial to their life cycles. The donated carving is featured in the Festival auction and his other carved shorebird sculptures will be available at Land's End during the Festival. He is especially grateful to Betty for introducing his son as a preschooler to all that birds have to give to us every day of our lives.

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- All boat tours leave on time. Please be at the meeting location 15 minutes prior to departure time. Refunds will not be issued if you are late for your boat.
- Check our website for any changes or updates to the program.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration will open **Monday, March 21 at 11am.**

Ways to register:

- Online at: kachemakshorebird.org (quickest way to register)
- 2. By phone on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-4:30pm Alaska Standard Time (AKDT) by calling (907) 226-4631.*
- * If we don't pick up, please leave a message. If you call outside these hours, your call will be returned during the next office hours.

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION

Festival Registration permits entry into events listed with the "included with registration" icon. Registration allows participants to reserve purchase/reserve tickets for events with limited space and/or an additional fee.

The one-time Festival Registration fee is \$20. Participants may add up to four immediate family members to their Festival Registration for an additional \$5 per person.

Contact the Festival Coordinator at **kachemakshorebird@gmail.com** for further information.

REFUND/EXCHANGE POLICY

In an effort to be fair to both our participants and event sponsors, our updated Refund and Exchange Policy is:

- No refunds will be given for Registration or Processing Fees at any time
- Refunds and exchanges on event ticket sales made before April 7 at 4:30pm will receive a full refund less a 10% refund fee
- Refunds and exchanges on event tickets sales made between April 8 and April 20 at 4:30pm receive a 50% refund
- No refunds after April 21—two weeks prior to the Festival
- If an event is canceled by the Festival due to high-seas or other unforeseeable circumstances, participants will receive a full refund of event ticket costs.
- No-cost even exchanges may be issued where space permits until Tuesday, May 3, noon AKDT



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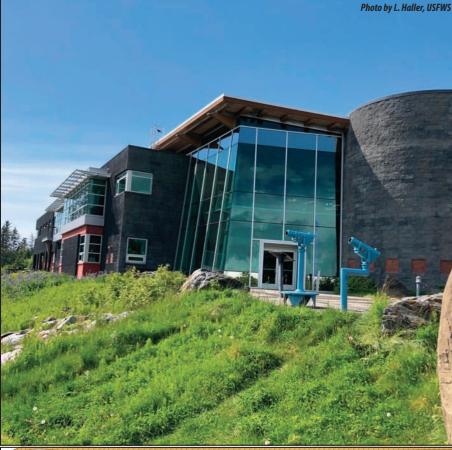
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