

Junior Audubon



Back to School:

Why do so many schools have bird feeders? Perhaps it is because birds are ideal inspiration and topic matter that can connect learning activities to the living world around us! Look to the feeders at your school, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your teachers.

We hope to see you out there!

~Audubon Education Team



Passenger Pigeons

It seems strange that a bird which was once the most abundant species of bird in the world could have ever gone extinct. These birds traveled in enormous flocks and were known to devour farmer's crops. Passenger pigeons were also hunted to be used as food by people and over-hunting was a big reason for their decline.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sept. 6th International Vulture Awareness Day
- Sept. 17th Owl pellet Dissection and Owl Prowl
- Sept. 27th Passenger Pigeon Remembered
- Oct. 18th and 19th World Bird Open House
- Oct. 18th Make a Bird Feeder
- Nov. 1st Discover Owls

Also more activities and events ~ See "Calendar" section of this bulletin for details!

Apparently these birds could only successfully nest and reproduce in these very large flocks. Once the population of these birds was reduced to a certain point, efforts to save them from extinction were too late. This fall marks the 100th anniversary of the death of the very last passenger pigeon, "Martha", which lived and died at the Cincinnati Zoo.



St. Louis Junior Audubon is a cooperative effort of the St. Louis Audubon Society, the World Bird Sanctuary, Audubon Center at Riverlands and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Membership and support of any of these organizations is a great way to be more involved! For further information, email: stl.jr.audubon@aol.com

Jr. AUDUBON CALENDAR Fall 2014

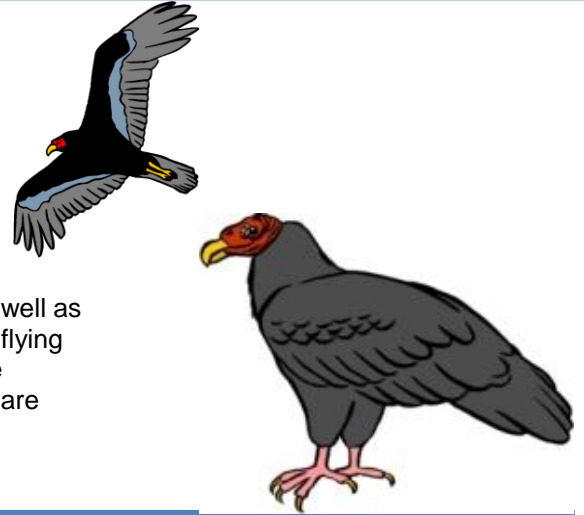
6 September, Saturday 10:00-3:00

International Vulture Awareness Day

Location: World Bird Sanctuary, 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Road,
Valley Park, MO
For: Families

Join us as we celebrate vultures with zoos and conservation groups around the world. Meet vultures from North America and Africa, as well as a live Andean Condor. There will be free-flight shows featuring live flying vultures. A fun kid's activity center will include games and a Vulture 'Scavenger' Hunt. Gifts and souvenirs will be on sale. All activities are free. Sponsored by Ameren Missouri.

FREE - No registration needed



Haiku:
Newly discovered
behind the dropping hedge leaves:
-an old empty nest



Artwork by Catherine Clark

17 September, Wednesday 5:30 -7:30 P.M.

Owl Pellet Dissection and Prowl

Location: Forest Park Visitors Center
5595 Grand Drive
St. Louis, MO

For ages 7-adult



Without teeth to chew, owls swallow their food whole. Take a close look at what's leftover after eating their prey in chunks. The aftermath or undigested material is a pellet of fur, bone, teeth and/or shells. It's a fun way to learn about food chains too! After this, we will hike and listen for any of Forest Park's resident owls.

Meet at the Dennis and Judith Jones Visitor & Education Center in Forest Park. This program will be held outdoors. No need to bring anything with you but a bottle of water and sturdy shoes to begin our Hoot!

Reservations required call 314- 877-1309

27 September, Saturday 3:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Remembering the Passenger Pigeon

Location: Rockwoods Reservation, 2751 Glencoe Rd. Wildwood MO

For: Families

Discover how we can use lessons from the loss of the Passenger Pigeon 100 years ago this month to conserve nature for generations to come. Family friendly activities include crafts, and games for the young at heart, viewing of original paintings of Passenger Pigeons by local artists, and more. A wide variety of information from MDC, Stream Team, St. Louis Audubon, and many others will also be available.

3:30–5:30 p.m. – Crafts, games, booths, art viewing. Bring your own favorite picnic foods, drinks, blankets and chairs (No food or drink will be sold.)

5:30–6:30 p.m. – World Bird Sanctuary raptor flight demonstration over the crowd.

6:30–8 p.m. – Outdoor showing of the original movie The Lorax by Dr. Seuss.

Event will occur rain or shine.

Free. No Reservations needed



18 & 19, October, Saturday & Sunday 10:00-4:00

Annual World Bird Open House

Location: World Bird Sanctuary, 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Road, Valley Park, MO
For: Families

Learn all about World Bird Sanctuary and the work that we do to save threatened bird species and their habitats! Get behind-the-scenes tours of our breeding barn, animal and behavioral training center and wildlife hospital, which are normally closed to the public. See education programs featuring live animals presented in our amphitheater twice daily and children's programs presented at Kid's Corners twice daily. Free children's activities and craft center.

Admission and parking is FREE. No reservations required.

Cool Bird Factoid:

Pigeons feed their babies "pigeon milk" which is spit up from the throat crop of the parent birds. Yum!

18 October, Saturday

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Bird Feeders

Location: Rockwoods Reservation,
2751 Glencoe Rd., Wildwood MO

For: Families

Learn about our feathered friends and how you can help them through the cold winter months. Build a birdfeeder to take home to help your backyard birds.

FREE – Registration for this starts on October 1st. Call 636-458-2236
This program is expected to fill very fast!



1 November, Saturday 10:00-11:30

Junior Audubon Special: Owls of Missouri

Location: Sunset Community Center
3915 South Lindbergh, Sunset Hills, MO63127
For: Kids age 7-14

For Junior Audubon Members and Guests:
Discover why they are the wisest birds of Missouri. Find out about all the adaptations they have to survive and how they eat. We will dissect an owl pellet to discover what they eat.

Free – Please RSVP to: stl.jr.audubon@aol.com so we'll know how many to expect or call for more information 636-678-7161.

Jr. Audubon Member Button-pins

Button-pins are available, on request, to all Jr. Audubon Members. Wear these to bird activities and events with pride and be recognized as a member of Junior Audubon!



To request yours, email the first name(s) you want on the button(s) to us at: stl.jr.audubon@aol.com (Having "Member" instead of a name is also an option if you prefer.) These can then be mailed to you or we can arrange a location for you to pick it up.

Bird Riddle:

What bird is always out of breath?



A Puffin!