

MD and DC Birding and Nature Events

"I Bird, I Vote" Bird Conservation Summit

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017 Time: 9am – 4 pm

This year's summit will focus on energy development, land use, and funding for wildlife conversation. At the local level, our experts will provide guidance on how to help protect Important Bird Areas (IBAs) through effective land use planning and zoning. At the state level, we'll discuss risks to birds and IBAs from natural gas extraction, and what you can do to prevent fracking in Maryland. At the federal level, our experts from D.C. will discuss threats to public land protections and opportunities to expand federal funding for non-game wildlife conservation.

Sponsored by Audubon Maryland-DC. <http://md.audubon.org/conservation/join-us-our-2nd-annual-i-bird-i-vote-bird-conservation-summit-march-4th>

Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop

Laurel, MD

Phone: (301) 497-5760

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Annual Eagle Festival

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017 Time: 9am - 4pm

Blackwater Refuge is home to one of the largest breeding populations of bald eagles in the United States. Bring the family and spend a fun day at the Refuge learning about bald eagles and spotting them in the wild. Free, no entry fee. Call Visitor Services at 410-228-2677 or email

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<https://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147563841>

Blackwater NWR Visitor Center

2145 Key Wallace Drive

Cambridge, Maryland, 21613

Phone: (410) 484-2413

Earth Day at the National Zoo

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017 Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Free admission, parking fee. Easy access via Metrobus or Metrorail.

Visit online at <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/events/earth-day>

Smithsonian National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20008

Delmarva Birding Weekend

Date: Thursday April 27 - Sunday April 30, 2017

Many expert-led field trips and boat and canoe trips in the Delmarva area (fees apply)

Ward World Championship Waterfowl Carving Competition

The Delmarva Birding Weekend is organized by [Conservation Community Consulting, LLC](#) along with a host of other sponsors and partners.

Questions about the Delmarva Birding Weekend? Email dlitedirector@comcast.net or marshhawk67@gmail.com

For details about events, visit online at <http://delmarvabirding.com/spring-dbw-april-27-30/>

Do you know about other birding-related festivals in Maryland? Let us know so we can add your favorites!