

Connecting People, Birds and Land

News Release

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BBQ for the Birds Returns!

BRIGHTON, Colo. – Bird Conservancy of the Rockies will host the 17th annual BBQ for the Birds, a yearly celebration of birds, people and land that aims to raise awareness of bird conservation and provide opportunities for people to get involved.

BBQ for the Birds takes place on May 18 at Barr Lake State Park Nature Center, 13401 Picadilly Road in Brighton, Colorado. The program lineup features guided bird walks, live birds and bird banding demonstrations, family-friendly outdoor activities, live airing of Bird Talk Radio, native plant gardening demonstrations—and a delicious meal! The Nelda Gamble Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented in recognition of outstanding service to the organization's mission to conserve birds and their habitats.

Festivities kick-off at 8 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. Guests can visit with Bird Conservancy staff and learn more about our science, education and land stewardship programs and ways they can help conserve birds around their home and community. Take the *Migration Challenge* and learn about International Migratory Bird Day—highlighting the migration of nearly 350 species of migratory birds between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding grounds in Latin America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Admission is \$5 per person (ages 12 and under FREE) which includes park entrance fees, lunch and event activities. Tickets may be purchased online at birdconservancy.org/bbq4birds. Attendance is expected to be around 250 people. All proceeds benefit Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is a Colorado-based nonprofit that works to conserve birds and their habitats through science, education and land stewardship. Our work extends from the Rockies to the Great Plains, Mexico and beyond. We envision a world where birds are forever abundant, contributing to healthy landscapes and inspiring human curiosity and love of nature. Together, we are improving native bird populations, the land and the lives of people.

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Guests can learn from the experts about birds in their home landscape and community at the 17th Annual BBQ for the Birds on May 18 at Barr Lake State Park. Photo by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.

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Come early to the BBQ for the Birds for guided bird walks and opportunities to see Barr Lake's nesting Bald Eagles. Photo by Dan Walters.

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See live birds up close at 17th Annual BBQ for the Birds on May 18 at Barr Lake State Park Nature Center. Photo by William Bevil.

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Take the Migration Challenge at the BBQ for the Birds on May 18 at Barr Lake State Park Nature Center! Photo by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.

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