



**HOW TO REGISTER:**

**ONLINE** at [www.mobot.org/birding](http://www.mobot.org/birding)

**BY PHONE:** For questions or phone registration, please call (314) 577-9506 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Refund policy:** Complete refunds will be given (minus a \$5 processing fee) for up to 5 business days prior to festival. No refunds for less than 5 business days.

**EXHIBITORS**

Exhibitors from many organizations will be on hand to share knowledge about birds, including:

- Audubon Society
- EarthWays Center
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers
- Shaw Nature Reserve
- Webster Groves Nature Study Society
- Wild Bird Center
- Wild Bird Rehabilitation
- World Bird Sanctuary



**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR BINOCULARS!**



**LIVE BIRDS  
ON EXHIBIT  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**5th Annual  
BACKYARD BIRD  
FESTIVAL**

**Saturday,  
February 6, 2010**

**Bundle up and bring  
your binoculars for a  
bird-watching bonanza!**



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**Bird watchers of all ages can flock to the Missouri Botanical Garden from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Activities included with Garden admission are: The Great Backyard Bird Count Introduction, the Nest for families to enjoy, and birding exhibitors on the second floor of the Ridgway Visitor Center.**

**Guided walks and classes require a fee and registration.**

**GUIDED BIRD WALKS \$5 (\$3 for members)**

Led by Audubon Society members

7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.



**CLASSES FOR ADULTS (AGES 13 AND UP)**

**\$10 (\$8 for members)**

**YARD BIRDS—BASIC BIRD IDENTIFICATION**

**(10 to 11:30 a.m.)**

Get to know the most common birds at your feeder, by focusing on a few key features that distinguish different species, in this class for the true beginner. Through hands-on activities, you'll become familiar with some of the different types of tools birders use and build your confidence at identifying the birds in your back (or front!) yard.

**INTRO TO BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY (10 to 11:30 a.m.)**

Learn how to create a backyard oasis for songbirds and set the stage to capture their beauty! Through our images, we'll show you the amazing variety of birds in our area, discuss equipment options and share tips

**GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT INTRODUCTION**

**(9:15–9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)**

*Included with Garden admission*

Learn how to participate in the nationwide Great Backyard Bird Count, February 12–15.

on technique with emphasis on an ethical approach to photographing birds.

**ADVANCED BIRD SONGS (10 to 11:30 a.m.)**

Discuss the variety and purposes of bird songs and how birds use them differently, within and among species.

**HOMEMADE BIRD FEEDERS AND TREATS**

**(10 to 11:30 a.m.)**

Did you know you can create your own bird feeder with materials from the kitchen or even the bathroom? Bring a paper milk or juice carton and a few toilet paper rolls to class and we'll get creative. We'll also create suet and other bird treats (without peanut products for those with allergies).

**SPRING WARBLERS (1 to 2:30 p.m.)**

Get a sneak preview of what awaits you in late April and early May as these diverse and beautiful small birds migrate through the St. Louis area. Learn how to find and identify these beautiful "butterflies" of the bird world.

**BIRD WATCHING OPTICS: A PRIMER (1 to 2:30 p.m.)**

Get a taste of the features of binoculars and how to use them for birdwatching.

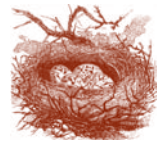
**LANDSCAPING FOR BIRDS (1 to 2:30 p.m.)**

The things we do (or don't do) in the vicinity of our home can impact the soil, air, water and nearby community, as well as having an effect on dozens of wildlife species, including birds. During this class, participants will take a hands-on approach to understanding the benefits of having a backyard wildlife habitat along with considerations for planning or adding a habitat in their own landscaping.



**FAMILY CLASSES\* \$10 (\$8 for members)**

Learn about birds along with your hatchlings in four new family classes for ages 3–13 accompanied by an adult.



**MORNING CLASSES (10 to 11:30 a.m.)**

Get to know common backyard birds by sight and sound. Kids will take home a kid-friendly bird identification guide and craft projects.

Fine, Feathered Friends (ages 3–6)

Wing Watchers (ages 7–13)

**AFTERNOON CLASSES (1 to 2:30 p.m.)**

Want to make your backyard more bird-friendly? Learn about garden projects and feeders that can attract more birds to your yard. Kids will take home bird feeders and a bird gardening guide.

Home, Tweet Home (ages 3–6)

*\* Cost is per child. No more than three children per adult, please. Please dress for outdoor activities.*

**THE NEST (11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)**

*Included with Garden admission*

The Nest is a place for families to drop in for fun, bird-related activities between classes.