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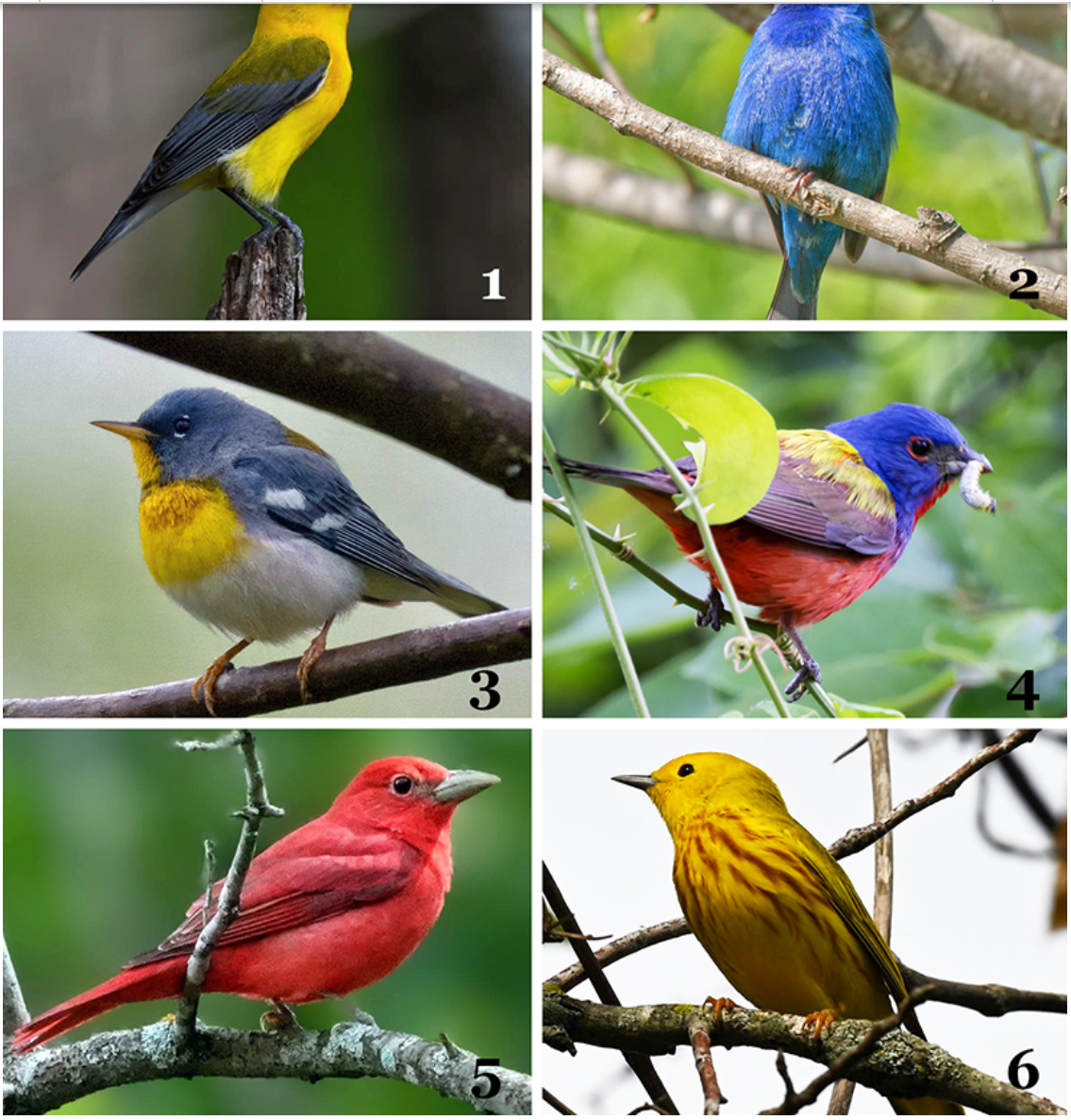
World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated in May and Oxley Nature Center has a whole flock of activities for Tulsans to enjoy. Join us for a full afternoon of celebrating and learning about our feathered friends. Oxley staff and volunteers will be joined by local bird enthusiasts, experts, and even a live bird ambassador (!) for activities and presentations for all ages. See the schedule listed below.

What might you see at Oxley Nature Center on World Migratory Bird Day?



1. Prothonotary Warbler | Bryan Tapp; 2. Indigo Bunting | Bryan Tapp; 3. Northern Parula | Bryan Tapp; 4. Painted Bunting | Mark Rusling; 5. Summer Tanager | Dan Horwitz; 6. Yellow Warbler | Glenn Smith

Oxley May Programs

Call 918-596-9054 to register for any program that requires pre-registration.

World Migratory Bird Day: "Every Bird Counts - Your Observations Matter"
Saturday, May 9, 1:00 - 8:00pm

- Bird Mask-Making in the Interpretive Center
- “Bird Hurdles” obstacle course in Fawn Grove – the course will mimic the challenges that birds face during migration

1:00 – 3:00 – Meet and Greet with a Feathered Friend

- Live bird ambassador from Sutton Avian Research Center will be onsite

2:00 – 4:00 – Short Classroom Presentations

- “Best Practices for Backyard Feeding” (Judy LaFrance and Lisa Cobb)
- “Gardening for the Birds” (Gianna Spear)
- Community Science Initiatives
- Project FeederWatch (Mary Seabourn)
- Christmas Bird Count (Rusty Grimpe)
- Using e-bird and iNaturalist (Jerry Morgan)
- Avian Anatomy and Articulation (Kyle Thomas)
- Chimney Swift Surveys (Georgia Riggs)
- Story of the Bald Eagle in Oklahoma (Daniel Harris)

3:30 – 5:50 – Bird-Watching

- Spotting scopes will be set up overlooking Lake Sherry and staffed by experienced birders to assist in identifying waterfowl (and more)

6:00 – 8:00 – Birding Walk

- Expert birders will guide a walk on the North Woods trails

Little Seedlings : May’s theme: “Flowers are Blooming”
May 12 and 15 , 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Experience nature with your little ones. Through stories, crafts, and time exploring the trails, we will help to inspire a lifelong love of the outdoors. A second wave of spring flowers will help wildlife that depends on their nectar to thrive. We'll see what's blooming, look for birds and bugs and other animals living amongst the flowers, and make a sweet flower themed craft. Ages 1-5 + a caregiver $5 or Free for ONCA members. The Tuesday and Friday sessions are the same.

Gelli Plate Nature Printing
May 30, 9:30am – 12:00pm
Join Oxley Artist in Residence Taylor Painter-Wolfe in the second of a series of workshops she will offer as part of the residency. Participants will begin with a walk along Oxley’s trails to collect natural materials – leaves, stems, flowers, and more – then use those findings to create nature-inspired prints on paper and notecards using Gelli plates and intaglio ink. All materials will be provided. This workshop is open to all experience levels.

- Full Moon Walk – May 1
- Birding Walk – May 2
- Wildflower Walk – May 16
- Butterfly Walk – May 23
- Discovery Walks – every Friday at 11:00 and 2:00 and Sundays at 2:00
- Nature Journaling – meets Thursdays at 2:00
- All About Nature Book Club – meets the 4th Friday of the month

Registration for Summer Programs is now open! June – August 2026

Nature Story Time
Wednesdays: June 3, 10, 17: July 1,8, 15; August 5,12,19
Thursdays: June 4, 11, 18; July 2, 9, 16; August 6, 13, 20
In partnership with Early Learning Works Talking is Teaching program, Oxley Nature Center invites families with children 8 and under to join us for a free, fun, nature-themed opportunity to TALK, READ, and SING. This event includes time to enjoy a book with your child, a free book to take home, a fun activity, and an optional short nature walk. For the Summer Story Times, we will offer sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please check RecDesk for details, you can sign up for one month or for all three!

Bonus Seedlings – Felting Edition!
June 9, 10:00 – 11:00
Join us for a Bonus Edition of Little Seedlings in June! Resident Artist Taylor Painter- Wolfe will lead the class in the very tactile, colorful, hands-on process of transforming wool into felt. Everyone will take home their own handmade piece of felt and we will go on an optional nature walk.

Exploring Herpetology for Junior Scientists
June 27, July 25, August 22, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Come find out more about herps with volunteer naturalist and herpetologist Jerry Morgan. On these walks we will look for turtles, snakes, frogs, salamanders, and lizards. We will check traps and collect data to determine the dominant species of aquatic turtle species, find major hot spots for box turtles, and check under logs to observe and record what we find. This is for ages 8 and up and parents are welcome. Participants should be prepared to walk at least a mile, wear closed-toe shoes, clothes that they don't mind getting dirty, and to protect themselves against biting insects. There will be three walks over the summer – sign up for one or for all!

Outdoor Archery
June 3, 10, 17; July 1, 8, 15; August 5, 12, 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Join us for Outdoor Archery! We will offer a 3-part series each month. Sign up for

SAVE THE DATE: Moth Night, June 13, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Nature Center Hours

and Noon – 4:30PM on Sunday.

After Interpretive Center hours, trails are open for hiking until 9:00 PM.

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