

Activities for Kids!

Kid's Activities will run from
 10:00am — 12:00pm
 and 1:30pm — 3:30pm
 All activities are free! So enjoy
 yourself & go wild!!!

Dissecting Owl Pellets — Hey! You never know what you're going to find when you dissect an owl pellet! Don't mistake these little treasures for something that they're not! Owl pellets are the 'coughed-up' remains of prey that the owl can't digest. That means skulls, bones, talons, fur and feathers! Even entire skeletons! They are all wrapped together in a tidy package — just waiting for you to explore!

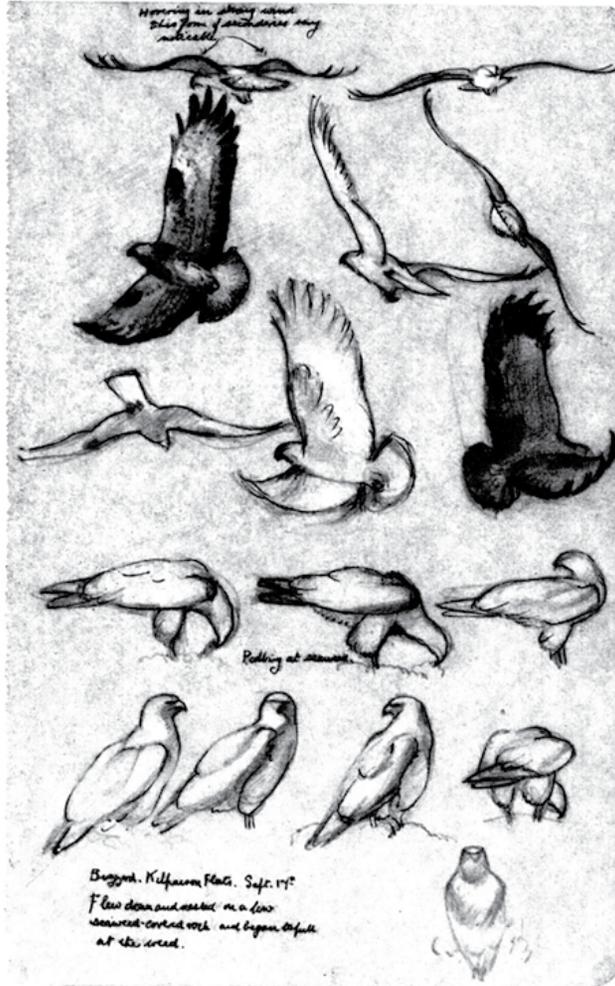
Hawk Drawing — You don't have to be an artist to have a great time with this activity! Using stencils, you can make fabulous pastel drawings of birds of prey! Get creative! Go Wild! See what kind of magic you can create with color and shape!

Face Painting! — Now is your chance to transform into a hawk! eagle! or owl! Become a raptor with a new mask of color and design!

Predator Tubes — Who's eating Whom? What a great way to learn about food chains! Each tube has a picture of an animal who is part of the chain. Decorate them your way, with your own unique style — then fit them together to discover who's eating whom!

Falconry Knot Bracelets — Accessorize the Raptor way! Learn a little bit more about hunting with a hawk and make a leather 'jess', or bracelet — just like a falconer would use. Decorate these awesome raptor accessories with different leather stamps.

Parents: What did you think of our kids activities? Please let us know! It's important to us that these activities are free — but, we also need your support — please buy something at the HawkWatch Store outdoors to support the event!



— Cooper's Hawk — Marsh Hawk — Kestrel —

— Golden Eagle — Red-tailed Hawk — Osprey — Sharp-shinned Hawk —

— Come Celebrate the Migration —

Friday Evening Program
 at 7:00pm
 Event Saturday & Sunday
October 4th and 5th
 10:00 - 4:00pm
 with an 8:00am bird hike

Hawk Watch

at Effigy Mounds National Monument
 ~ 2008 ~

— Red-shouldered Hawk — Peregrine Falcon —

— Northern Goshawk — Bald Eagle — Merlin — Broad-winged Hawk —

HAWK WATCH AT EFFIGY MOUNDS 24 years of watching hawks glide overhead •

Friday PM, October 3rd

7:00 PM • Evening Program at Effigy Mounds visitor's center • Kay Neumann of S.O.A.R. will present 'Lead Poisoning in Iowa Wintering Bald Eagles'
With up to one fifth of the lower 48 states' entire eagle population wintering in Iowa, lead poisoning has become an alarming problem. Of the 82 eagles admitted to Iowa wildlife rehabilitators over the last four years, over 50 % had abnormal lead levels. Getting the lead out of our recreational activities is the healthiest thing to do for our kids and our eagles! (indoor auditorium)

Saturday, October 4th

8:00 • Bird Hike with Dennis Carter. • Join Upper Iowa Audubon's birding expert Dennis Carter for an early morning hike to find different species of songbirds, ducks, raptors and others. This hike is a great warm up for Hawk-Watch!

9:00 • Video — 'Raptor Force' • Humans have had a unique relationship with raptors for more than four thousand years, first through the ancient sport of falconry, and, more recently, as scientists and engineers have turned to these mighty birds as the inspiration for the latest in aircraft design. (indoor auditorium)

10:00 ♦ *Begin HawkWatch presentations, kids activities and live bird programs!*

10:00 • 'Hawk ID for Beginners' • Mike Havlik. This program will give you the basics on identifying different hawks in flight. Take this opportunity to learn some key fieldmarks in a fun atmosphere, and create your own id. guide. (indoor auditorium)

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11:00 • 'Return of the Peregrine Falcon' • Bob Anderson, Director of the Raptor Resource Project & special guest speaker at HawkWatch 2008. Returning the "Falcon of the rock" to the Mississippi River cliffs; a ten year review. Bob will speak about the efforts it took to return the Peregrine falcon to its historic haunts on the Mississippi River cliffs.

12:00 • Effigy Mounds designated priority Important Bird Area • The National Audubon Society has designated Effigy Mounds National Monument and Yellow River State Forest and surrounding northeast Iowa landscape as the priority Important Bird Area (IBA) along this stretch of the Mississippi River. Jon Stravers and Mark Peterson from Audubon will discuss the significance of this designation. (indoor auditorium)

1:00 • 'Hunters of the Sky' • Kay Neumann of SOAR (Save Our Avian Resources). Kay will talk about birds of prey basics. Keen eyesight, a specially equipped beak, and strong talons set raptors apart as hunters. Join Kay with live birds of prey for a closer look at what makes raptors unique and essential links in the natural food chain.

2:00 • 'Migration- around the world and back again with a bird's brain.' This multimedia presentation looks at migration and homing ability in birds. You'll get a glimpse of the winter vacation destinations of some North American raptors and a few other notable migrants. Insights from recent research will be shared probing the mysteries of how birds navigate, because they can, and do, go home again. (indoor auditorium)

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Sunday, October 5th

10:00 • 'What do the birds have to teach us?'
Naturalist and educator, Mike Havlik, will explore what birds can teach us about living in the modern world. (indoor auditorium)

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of making new friends • & reuniting with old friends 24 years

..... 24 years of celebrating the mystery & majesty of the fall raptor migration