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Welcome to OktoBIRDfest!

During weekends in October, Stillman will host four different bird activities. From our Big Sit to the ever-popular Raptor Sunday, there will be something for bird students of all ages. So, depending on the day, bring your binoculars, camera, or just your curiosity and our expert guides will help you celebrate Stillman's sixth annual Oktobirdfest!

BIRD BANDING OPEN HOUSE

Watch Mark Spreyer (a licensed bird bander) measure, weigh and record data about our resident and migratory birds. Catching birds is not always predictable, so come prepared to hike the trails. If it's raining, the activity will be cancelled. Did you know the German ornithologist Johannes Thienemann pioneered bird banding and established the world's first bird observatory?



Banded warbler photo by Karen Lund.

Date: Sunday, Oct. 1
Time: 9:00AM to Noon
Fee: None

THE BIG SIT

We're happy to once again host the "Lazy Birder's" field trip. No walking is required. We will sit by the lake and let the birds come to us.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 7
Time: 3:00PM until sunset
Age: 10 years and up
Fee: None



Night-heron photo by Karen Lund.

SUNDAY MORNING BIRD WALK

Mark Spreyer will lead a morning bird walk. Binoculars and field guides are a must. If you don't have any, don't worry, Stillman does. Those who join us for this walk wearing lederhosen will receive a year's free membership to Stillman nature center.

Date: Sunday, Oct. 8
Time: 8:00AM
Fee: None
Age: 10 years and up



Bluebird photo by Karen Lund.

DON'T MISS RAPTOR SUNDAY!

Now's your chance to meet the great horned, barred, barn, and screech owls. Stillman staff will also present a peregrine falcon, broad-winged hawk, and red-shouldered hawk. We will bring the birds out so you can see them up close. Kids will have a chance to dissect owl pellets.



Barn Owl photo by Karen Lund.

Bring a camera and a friend! Drop by anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon.

Date: Sunday, Oct. 15
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Fee: \$10/car

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