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Ketchikan
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Tongass National Forest

Southeast Alaska Discovery Center

Alaska Hummingbird Festival 2026 Schedule of Events



ALL FESTIVAL LONG

Raptor Scavenger Hunt at the Tongass History Museum

Explore a few connections between raptors and Southeast Alaska trees in this scavenger hunt. Visit the new Cedar exhibit with a new perspective.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Alaska Hummingbird Festival Juried Art Show Opening 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join us for the opening reception of the annual Alaska Hummingbird Festival Juried Art Show, hosted by the SEADC and Cape Fox Foundation. Enjoy amazing artwork submitted from around Alaska. Cast your vote to determine the winners of the People's Choice Award and discover who won the five juried youth and adult prizes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Birding at Rotary Beach 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Join biologist Ben Limlie, Steve Heintl, and Barbara Morgan at Rotary Beach for a guided bird walk. Bring your own binoculars or borrow our spotting scopes and binoculars. Alaska life lists, brochures, and migratory bird booklets will be available.

Birds on the Big Screen 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join SEADC Rangers for morning refreshments and bird themed documentaries on the big screen in the Discovery Center's Elizabeth Peratrovich Theater.

AC @ DC: Plant Presses

Crafts begin 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Are you ready to capture the beauty of newly blooming local flowers? Make your own plant press using recycled materials found around your home and learn about local wildflowers.

APRIL 4 (CONT.)

Family Fun Day at the Tongass History Museum 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Join Museum staff and community partners to explore cedar, culture, the natural world, and community connection in this hands-on family-friendly event.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Storytime at the Ketchikan Public Library 10:30 a.m.

Spring is in the air, and so are our stories! Join us on Friday at 10:30 a.m. for a special migratory bird themed Storytime. Let's fly away with our imaginations together.

Become an Alaska Region Junior Heritage Ranger

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Calling all archaeologists and history enthusiasts! Do you have what it takes to become a Alaska Region Junior Heritage Ranger? Join Rangers to complete activities and earn the title of Alaska Region Junior Heritage Ranger.

Friday Night Insight: KIC Repatriation of Artifacts

6 p.m. to 7p.m

The Ketchikan Indian Community will present on the status of artifacts being returned to SE Alaska.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Birding at Ward Lake

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Join biologist Ben Limlie and Steve Heintl at Ward Lake for a guided bird walk. Bring your own binoculars or borrow our spotting scopes and binoculars. Alaska life lists, brochures, and migratory bird booklets will be available. We will meet at the Ward Lake Parking Lot.

Craftivity at the Ketchikan Public Library

Drop-in 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Spring is in the air, and so are the birds! Join us at the Ketchikan Library for a special migratory bird themed craft.

APRIL 11 (CONT.)

Family Fun Day Activities

Drop-in 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join SEADC Rangers for family-centered games, coloring, and bird identification activities set throughout the museum.

Birds on the Big Screen

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join SEADC Rangers for morning refreshments and bird themed documentaries on the big screen in the Discovery Center's Elizabeth Peratrovich Theater.

Fly Fishing Film Festival

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. doors open

Enjoy a special screening of the Fly-Fishing Film Festival. Spend your night watching short films featuring fishing, adventure, and community from all over the world. Refreshments will be provided. Stay until the end of the festival for a special door prize raffle. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the opportunity to chat about the upcoming season with local fishing businesses in Ketchikan.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Bird identification

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Join SEADC Rangers to learn about bird identification apps. Learn about resources that allow you to identify birds by their songs and through photos. Don't forget your smart phone!

Friday Night Insight: Birding, it's awesome and you should be doing it!

6 p.m. to 7p.m

Watching birds has long been a popular pastime with a wide range of skill and interest levels. From those that delight in watching the common birds in their backyard, to those that chase species around the globe there is something for everyone. Learn about the hobby of birding, why it's so much fun and how to get started. Ben Limle is a wildlife biologist on the Tongass National Forest who spends much of his free time out looking for birds.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Birding at Ward Lake

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Join biologist Ben Limlie and Barbara Morgan at Ward Lake for a guided bird walk. Bring your own binoculars or borrow our spotting scopes and binoculars. Alaska life lists, brochures, and migratory bird booklets will be available. We will meet at the Ward Lake Parking Lot.

APRIL 18 (CONT.)

Snacks & Stories at the Ketchikan Public Library

10:00 a.m.

Spring is in the air, and so are our stories! Join us at the Ketchikan Library for special bird themed snacks and stories. Let's fly away with our imaginations together.

Birds on the Big Screen

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join SEADC Rangers for morning refreshments and bird themed documentaries on the big screen in the Discovery Center's Elizabeth Peratrovich Theater.

Saturday Science at SEADC

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join SEADC and Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District teams for migratory bird activities and bird watching at the Discovery Center. We will explore owl pellets, bird eggs & nest, and eagle biology.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Friday Night Insight: Living in Bear Country, Bear Safety

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the USDA Forest Service for a presentation on bear safety and awareness in the SEADC Theater. Biologists will explain how to stay safe in bear country while hiking and tips and tricks to keep bears out of attractants in town like garbage cans.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Birding Walk at Ward Lake

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Join Barbara Morgan at Ward Lake for a guided bird walk. Bring your own binoculars to get those close-up views. Alaska life lists, brochures, and migratory bird booklets will be available. Meet at the Ward Lake Parking Lot.

Birds on the Big Screen

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join SEADC Rangers for morning refreshments and bird themed documentaries on the big screen in the Discovery Center's Elizabeth Peratrovich Theater.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Celebration of the Sea Art Walk

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come make bird theme crafts, enjoy refreshments, and visit the Hummingbird Festival Juried Art Show.

