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¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras!

A multicultural celebration of migratory birds

Fort Collins, CO – Audubon Rockies, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center, The Gardens on Spring Creek, and Trees, Water & People are excited to present *¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras!* (*Birds Without Borders*) a FREE community celebration that spotlights migratory birds during their annual fall migration as they travel south to Mexico and Central America.

¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras! provides guests with an opportunity to meet real scientists and natural resource professionals and learn about bird migration, healthy habitats, and simple ways to help birds around their homes and in their communities. The event connects residents to the natural world through unique, hands-on experiences and useful resources, sharing insights about plants, habitats, migration and ways to make a positive difference for birds here and beyond our borders.

¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras! will feature a bird banding station where visitors will be able to see wild birds up close while scientists collect data, deepening their understanding of the natural world through a truly memorable experience. These stations not only serve to collect data that is critical in aiding cross-continental conservation efforts, but also present a unique way of introducing young people to careers in science. A few lucky participants will even be able to help release some of these newly-banded birds back into the wild!

Birds migrate across borders and are vibrant cultural ambassadors. Species like the Bullock's Oriole spend their winters in Central America and fly all the way to Colorado for the summer. Their diverse natural histories and borderless nature make them a terrific way to explore our sense of place at home while deepening global perspectives and cross-cultural connections. In the spirit of the multicultural theme, bilingual (Spanish-English) staff and resources will be available. Participants can also enjoy Smithsonian-certified bird-friendly fair trade coffee from Central America and breakfast burritos from Lupita's Mexican Restaurant.

This event is made possible through the generous support of New Belgium Brewing Co., Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in Fort Collins, and the City of Fort Collins.

¡Vivan Las Aves! (Long Live the Birds!)

Event Details:

What: *¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras!* Celebrating migratory birds and connections across cultures

When: Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 8 AM – 11 AM

Where: Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center
2400 Environmental Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

Five Fort Collins nonprofit partners have come together to create ¡Pajaros Sin Fronteras!

[Audubon Rockies](#) is a regional office of The National Audubon Society, with dedicated staff working in Wyoming and Colorado. The National Audubon Society strives to protect birds and their habitats throughout the Americas using science, advocacy, education and on-the-ground conservation. Audubon's state programs, nature centers, chapters and partners have an unparalleled wingspan that reaches millions of people each year to inform, inspire and unite diverse communities in conservation action. Audubon is a nonprofit conservation organization.



[Bird Conservancy of the Rockies](#) is a Colorado-based nonprofit that works to conserve birds and their habitats through an integrated approach of science, education and land stewardship. Our work extends from the Rockies to the Great Plains, Mexico and beyond. Together, we are improving native bird populations, the land and the lives of people. We envision a world where birds are forever abundant, contributing to healthy landscapes and inspiring human curiosity and love of nature. Our community outreach and science-based, experiential education programs connect people of all ages and backgrounds to the natural world.



[Colorado State University's Environmental Learning Center](#)'s mission is to inspire and educate people to connect with and become stewards of our natural world. The ELC offers high-quality educational experiences within and about nature, bringing the knowledge, skills and talent of CSU to the larger community. Key to their work is mentoring future leaders in the fields of environmental education and communications. Located along the Poudre River, the ELC's large grounds feature numerous ponds, wetlands, secondary growth forest, cottonwood trees, and shrubby grasslands – an excellent place to observe migrating songbirds in the spring and fall.



[The Gardens on Spring Creek](#) is Northern Colorado's local community botanic garden. A partnership between the City of Fort Collins and the Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek, our collective mission is to cultivate a world-class botanic garden, improve the lives of people, and foster environmental stewardship through horticulture. This year 70,000 guests came to learn, rest, play, unplug and connect with themselves, others and the natural world with our many programs and events.



[Trees, Water & People](#) works to improve people's lives by helping communities to protect, conserve, and manage the natural resources upon which their long-term well-being depends. We believe that natural resources are best protected when local people play an active role in their care and management. We serve communities in Central America, on U.S. Tribal Lands, and in our home town of Fort Collins through tangible, high-impact projects including improved cookstoves, community reforestation, sustainable agriculture, rainwater catchment, renewable energy, and more. All of our projects help people and the planet.



Accompanying Photos (from 2017 & 2018 event) with captions:



Bird Conservancy Biologist Erin Strasser weighs an American Goldfinch before banding and releasing it back into the wild at ¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras!

Photo by William Bevil, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

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Bird banding stations at ¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras! expose kids to science through hands-on learning with opportunities to see wild birds up close.

Photo by Evan Barrientos, Audubon Rockies

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A budding young scientist assists avian biologist Erin Strasser with releasing a newly-banded bird back into the wild at ¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras!

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Families can color their own feathered friends and make a commitment to bird conservation in their daily lives during ¡Pájaros Sin Fronteras!

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