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Wings Over Weston celebrates birds and habitat

Wings Over Weston will celebrate birds, butterflies and habitat that supports all wild creatures 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Weston Bend State Park, 16600 Missouri 45. Live birds on display, nature exhibits, children's activities and guided hikes will be offered. The free event recognizes how woodland and wildflower habitat sustains birds and butterflies, and how people can enjoy their beauty.

Missouri Department of Conservation is a co-sponsor of the event along with Burroughs Audubon Society, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Platte County Parks & Recreation and other public and private organizations.

The event is also a celebration of Platte County's 175th anniversary. Attendees will get to vote on a choice for an official bird species for the county, with the winner to be announced by county commissioners.

Live eagle shows will be presented by Dickerson Park Zoo staff. The Missouri River Bird Observatory will offer bird banding demonstrations. Rescued birds from Operation Wildlife will be on display. Falconry demonstrations, native plant sales and live music will also be offered.

Displays will include how people can help preserve the delicate beauty of monarch butterflies. Monarchs and their winter and spring migrations face threats from the loss of habitat with milkweed essential to their life cycles.

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