



Tualatin River

National Wildlife Refuge

Songbird Festival

As songbirds return to the Tualatin Valley, you can come learn about their world (and yours) at the twelfth annual songbird festival featuring outdoor activities, food, and fun on the Refuge. Dress for the weather and come rain or shine!

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Tualatin River National
Wildlife Refuge

Free Admission

10:00am-2:30pm

16507 SW Roy Rogers Rd
Sherwood, OR

Free Parking with Shuttle
from Baggenstos Farm
15801 SW Roy Rogers Rd

Maps and information at
www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org
www.fws.gov/tualatinriver

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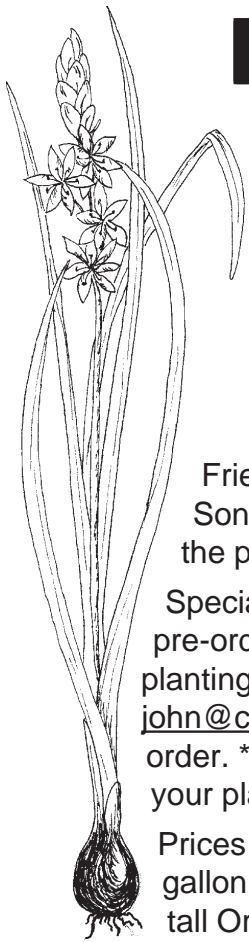


Scheduled Events

- Bird Walks** 6:30am and 8:30am. Look and listen for migratory songbirds on the Atfalat'i Unit. No reservations required, meet at main parking lot off Highway 99. Approximately 2 miles and 2 hours in duration.
- Canoe Trips** 11:00am and 2:00pm. Float a stretch of the Tualatin River adjacent to the Refuge with guides from the Tualatin Riverkeepers. Canoes provided or bring your own for these two-hour trips. Call TRK at 503-620-7507 for reservations. Availability is limited.
- Habitat Walks** 11:00am, 11:30am, 12:00, and 1:30pm. Join a nature walk guided by volunteer naturalists and learn about the wetland, riparian forest, and oak savannah habitats that coexist on the Refuge. No reservations required for this easy stroll on dirt road and mowed field. Meet at the festival location. Walks last approximately 45-60 minutes.
- Wildlife Live!** 12:30pm. See majestic birds of prey up close and learn about their role in the environment. Presented by the Oregon Zoo. 45 minutes.

All-Day Activities

- Wild Things** A variety of hands-on activities introducing old and young to the wildlife and habitats of the Refuge.
- Silent Auction** Bid on donated "goodies" from local individuals. Proceeds support the Friends of the Refuge.
- Scavenger Hunt** Kids complete their nature quest and win a prize!
- Birdhouses** Build your own real birdhouse specially designed for migratory birds.
- Conservation Corner** Learn what our local conservation partners are doing to protect and restore the Tualatin River watershed.
- Plant Sale** Learn about native flora and bring home plants that will attract wildlife to your yard. Proceeds benefit FOR.
- Food Fest** Nourish your body with food and beverages.
- Blue Goose** The mascot of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Blue Goose, will stop by to visit with festival goers. A great photo op!



Friends of the Refuge Native Plant Sale



**at the 12th Annual Songbird Festival
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge**

Friends of the Refuge (FOR) is again sponsoring a native plant sale during the annual Songbird Festival, offering visitors native plants at **below-retail** prices. Proceeds benefit the programs of FOR.

Special thanks go to Bosky Dell Natives who will be our supplier again this year. You can pre-order by identifying the plants you'd like to purchase which are appropriate for your planting site at www.boskydellnatives.com. Then, e-mail John Feinauer at john@curvetta.com, or call him at 503-538-6083, with a list of the plants you wish to pre-order. **Finally, come to the songbird festival, enjoy the festivities, and pick up and pay for your plants as you are leaving. How much more simple and enjoyable can it get?

Prices generally are \$2.50 for a 4" pot, \$5.00 for a 1 gallon container, and \$10.00 for a 2 gallon container, with a few exceptions for harder to propagate species such as Madrone, tall Oregon grape, and Trilliums. Trees in 5 gallon size are also available. Call or e-mail for prices.

Check These Native Plants Out!!!

Listed below are a few less well known native plants I have grown over the years that continually delight me. You may want to check them out for yourself on www.boskydellnatives.com:

Hairy Honeysuckle: A trailing vine I planted at the base of my red flowering currants. It intertwines unobtrusively through the bushes, blooming spectacularly from about July to frost.

Goatsbeard: A moisture loving, semi-shade perennial plant that grows to about 6 to 7 feet tall and has a spectacular show of white flowers in May-June. A great back of the border plant.

Birch Leaf Spirea: A small bush with pretty blooms in the spring, interesting leaves and coloring. Very low water requirements.

Monkey flower: (red, yellow, or pink). Blooms for a long time. Gets about 2' tall at the most. Great for undisturbed (perennial) flower beds. Says, "notice me. I'm pretty."

Western Columbine: The native plant is red. Self seeds. Another attention grabber.

Dull Oregon Grape: I actually prefer this species to the Tall Oregon Grape (although I have both). It's a good ground cover and space filler. Low water requirements once established. Understory plant.

Douglas Spirea: Reminds me of a low growing butterfly bush. Likes moisture, but once established can take some drying out of the soil. Mine rebloomed after I deadheaded it last year.

Douglas Aster: Some water, a dappled shade. Great bloomer in the fall.

Camas Lily: A nice plant to naturalize.

Penstemons: I planted one variety four years ago in a dry, hot spot. It lived and is thriving. Pretty blue flowers.

Enjoy yourself. Half the fun of plants is choosing the right one. John Feinauer

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