



Alaska Hummingbird Festival



The petite but mighty Rufous Hummingbird is the mascot of the festival. Join us in welcoming this pennyweight flyer and other migratory birds back to Ketchikan and the Tongass National Forest.

2019 Schedule of Events

Tuesday, April 2 – Friday, April 14

Smokey Bears 75th Birthday Celebration Traveling Art Exhibit (Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to view 19 amazing historic portrait replicas of Smokey Bear by artist Rudy Wendelin.

Friday, April 5

Juried Art Show Opening Reception (5–7 p.m.)

Alaskan artists display their works of migratory birds of Alaska. Meet the artists, vote for the People's Choice Awards, enjoy hors d'oeuvres provided by the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau. Art displayed through June 1.

Friday Night Insight (6 p.m.) Ketchikan Beach Monitoring Results and Watershed Plan

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be sharing the 2017-18 Beach monitoring results, the upcoming 2019-2020 environmental projects, and information on cruise ship treatment and scrubber systems. This recreational season the DEC will be working with the local government and the community to develop a Watershed management Plan.

Saturday, April 6

Birding with Biologists (8 a.m.) with Steve Heinl (ADF&G) and Ben Limle (USFS)

Meet us at Rotary Beach for a guided bird walk. Several spotting scopes will allow you to see the birds up close and personal. Bring binoculars if you have them. Breakfast refreshments provided.

"12,000 Voices" (7:30 p.m.) with First City Players

Women on stages across the country will read a play about the power one person can have when they speak with conviction in our judicial system. Ketchikan's own FCP will be one of the theaters across the nation joining in to get the word out that every voice matters. Hear 12 amazing local actresses share their voices with those women across America. Contact FCP at 907-225-4792.

Friday, April 12

Friday Night Insight (6 p.m.) Film – Nool: the Heartbeat of a Culture

KPU TV features artist, carver, and educator Mike Dangel for a full length interview during his time teaching at the Totem Heritage Center. This short documentary takes an in depth look at Dangel's teachings, background as an artist, and family history as he passes on his knowledge of drum making from one generation to the next.

Saturday, April 13

Birding with Biologists with Steve Heinl (ADF&G) and Ben Limle (USFS) (8 a.m.)

Meet us at the Rotary Shelter for a guided bird walk around Ward Lake. Several spotting scopes will allow you to see the birds up close and personal. Bring binoculars if you have them. Breakfast refreshments provided.

Friday, April 19

Friday Night Insight (6 p.m.) Photographing Wild Birds

Photographer Jim Lewis spends hours waiting to capture perfect images of birds. Join him to discover the colorful details and adaptations of a variety of Southeast Alaska resident and migratory birds.

Saturday, April 20

Breakfast with the Birds with Teri Hoyt (8 a.m.)

Birder Teri Hoyt will lead an informative and enjoyable birding walk at Totem Bight State Park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Amanda Kiely will host a crafting table for kids.

Friday, April 26

Friday Night Insight (6 p.m.) Birding in Western Mexico

Steve Heinl shares his experience watching birds in southern Nayarit, western Mexico – an area that supports rich and diverse birdlife, including a suite of birds found nowhere else, and where birds from the western U.S. and Canada mix with tropical species during the winter.

Saturday, April 27

Birding along Ketchikan Creek with Jim Lewis (8 a.m.)

Meet us at the Discovery Center for a guided bird walk around downtown Ketchikan. Bring binoculars if you have them. Breakfast refreshments provided.

Programs are FREE to the public and located at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center, unless noted.

For more information, call 907-228-6220.

