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### **International Migratory Bird Day, May 13, 2006**

**Roseburg, OR - International Migratory Bird Day** celebrates the incredible journeys of nearly 350 migratory bird species that travel twice a year between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America.

**The Umpqua Valley Migratory Bird Day Festival** will take place from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Fir Grove Park grounds in front of the Umpqua Valley Arts Association Center, 1624 W. Harvard Blvd., in Roseburg, OR. The theme for this year's bird festival is ***The Boreal Forest: Bird Nursery of the North***. The festival will provide information about the boreal forest, an important breeding ground for the majority of migratory birds in North America.

The Umpqua Valley Migratory Bird festival is a **free** annual event that is great for the whole family! The festival provides education and entertainment for children of all ages, including the parents that accompany them! Activities include: displays, activity booths, games, prizes and much more! The most popular activity for festival participants is the construction and assembly of their own wooden bird houses and feeders.

From 11:00 to 3:00 there will be live music, featuring **Joe Ross and Friends (11:00)**, **Sequoia (Noon)**, **Gorsetones**, from Coos Bay (**1 pm**), and **No Strings Attached** from Portland (**2 pm**).

The festival is sponsored by a unique partnership of private organizations (*Umpqua Audubon, Wildlife Safari*), and County (*Douglas County Museum, Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District*), State (*ODFW*), and Federal (*BLM, USFS, USFWS*) agencies.

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