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3rd Annual Bird Festival at Mound City Group,
Hopewell Culture National Historical Park

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park and the Scioto Valley Bird and Nature Club would like to invite the public to our Third Annual Bird Festival. May is the time of year when millions of migratory birds undertake an incredible journey to their breeding grounds in North America from their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America. Because of our location along the Scioto River, this area serves as an important corridor for birds traveling such long distances.

To assist the public with finding these neotropical migrants, the festival will begin with an early bird walk at 7 am, led by an experienced and enthusiastic birder along an easy trail. In addition, local bird banders will set-up nets and show visitors wild birds up close, the whole banding process, and the important information they obtain.

By 9 am, more close-up wildlife encounters will be provided by the Ohio Wildlife Center (OWC). They will have a display with many live animal ambassadors that have been brought to their facility for rehabilitation, but unfortunately were not able to be released back to the wild. OWC will also conduct a program at 10:30 am.

Other activities available at the festival include building your own nest box, creating a natural bird feeder, dissecting owl pellets, and many more things to do and see. A variety of free educational materials will be available to anyone interested.

This exciting and free program begins at 7 a.m. and runs through noon at the Mound City Group Visitor's Center, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. For additional information or directions to Hopewell Mound Group, please call the park at 740-774-1126. Remember- the early birder gets the worm-eating warbler!

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