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# News Release

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## **Lafayette named first Colorado Bird City**

Celebrate by attending the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrating Bird Migration Day on September 22

**LAFAYETTE, Colo September 11, 2019** – Environment for the Americas has designated the City of Lafayette as the very first Bird City in Colorado. Lafayette has proven its appreciation for birds through its growing bird education program, annual [World Migratory Bird Day celebration](#), and efforts to create and protect habitats for birds through invasive species removal, plantings, and more. Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, located within Waneka Lake Park, is a nationally acclaimed location for migratory birds and nesting waterfowl, including Swainson’s Hawk, Barn Swallow, Pied-billed and Western Grebes and more.

The mission of Bird City Colorado is to engage communities in raising awareness of and protecting wild bird populations. Environment for the America’s Director, Dr. Susan Bonfield, applauds the City of Lafayette stating that, “Local communities play a big role in conserving the birds that we share from their nesting places in Colorado to their overwintering sites as far away as Argentina. The City of Lafayette is the perfect model for Colorado’s first Bird City and will encourage neighboring cities to join our efforts to protect our native birds.” Bird City Colorado is modeled after Bird City Wisconsin, which has acknowledged 110 cities for their contributions to bird conservation.

## **Lafayette 6th Annual Celebrating Bird Migration event**

Sunday, September 22, 2019

1:00-3:00pm

Greenlee Wildlife Preserve at Waneka Lake

1600 Caria Drive (meet in the East parking lot)

Explore the wonderful world of birds in a beautiful place! See a live Golden Eagle and other birds of prey up close and view birds in the wild through spotting scopes and binoculars. Learn about migration, marshes, and the role avian friends play in our lives. Enjoy games, art projects, and a scavenger hunt. The 1/3 mile walking path between the parking area and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve will feature 20 local organizations with activities and displays to entertain and educate.

## **Lafayette Birds!**

Every first Sunday of the month through November

1:00-3:00pm

Greenlee Wildlife Preserve at Waneka Lake

1600 Caria Drive

Beginning birders are invited to experience the fun and discovery of birdwatching at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve located in the northwest section of Waneka Lake Park. Knowledgeable birdwatchers will be on hand with binoculars and spotting

scopes, bringing the world of birds alive. View various ducks, herons, waterfowl, and song birds alike. Learn how to use binoculars while field guides teach how to recognize bird species through sound. "Birds" is a verb...come out and "bird" with other enthusiasts. Youth must be accompanied by an adult, but the event is suitable for all ages. No RSVP required - drop by anytime between 1:00 and 3:00pm. Greenlee Wildlife Preserve is a nationally recognized marsh where thousands of birds flock each year to take advantage of its rich biological and ecological habitat.

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