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Summer Wings

Saturday August 4, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come and explore New Mexico's small but spectacular wildlife: Hummingbirds, butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, and bees. The day includes BioBlitz, a nature scavenger hunt: Visitors will work in small groups with birders and naturalists to find and identify as many living plants and animals as possible in the park.

Morning BioBlitz Walks and Talks

8:15 a.m.: Bird walk with David Mehlman of the Nature Conservancy

8:30 a.m.: Bird walks with Nature Center volunteers

9 a.m.: Bugs and birds walk for kids with Mike Sanchez and Adya Radcliffe of the NM Museum of Natural History and Science

10:30: Bee walk with Olivia Messinger Carril, author of *Bees in Your Backyard*

10:30: Storytime with Dianne Rossback in the main garden's outdoor classroom

Noon: Porcupines and plants walk with Katie Elder of the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program and Ariel Elliott of Valle del Oro National Wildlife Refuge

Near the Visitor Center: Hummingbird banding with certified bander Bill Talbot and Jason Kitting of the Wildlife Rescue

Talks in the Education Building

11 a.m.: *Bats* with bat conservationists Justin Stevenson and Holly Smith

1 p.m.: *Bees* with Olivia Messinger Carril

2 p.m.: *Dragonflies and Damselflies* with Karen Gaines, UNM biologist

At the Discovery Pond

(Time to be announced): Macro-invertebrates and food webs with Ayesha Burdett of the NM Museum of Natural History and Science and Nature Center volunteers

11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Dragonfly/damselfly catch and release with Karen Gaines

WEEKEND BIRD WALKS

Join naturalists for a guided bird walk Saturdays and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. year round. Meet at the eastside blind. Free.

SATURDAY NATURE WALKS

Take an insightful nature tour of the bosque with a volunteer naturalist the second Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Free.

Bosque Storytime Hour

Saturday July 7 at 10:30 a.m. and continuing the first Saturday of the month, weather permitting.

Come to the main garden's outdoor classroom where Dianne Rossback presents multi-cultural natural history stories and songs for children ages 5-10. Free.



Photo: Bill Mason

Black-chinned hummingbird nestlings

Twilight Hikes on Moonlit Nights: Due to staff shortages, these hikes are temporarily cancelled.

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