

## Bird Observatory Spring Festival Draws Visitors from Near and Far

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The Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory's (PEPtBO) annual Spring Birding Festival has proven to be a success, attracting bird lovers and nature enthusiasts from across the province - including a couple all the way from New Jersey!

From May 12 to 15, festival goers had the opportunity to witness the impressive diversity of bird species that migrate through the Point - yellow warblers, scarlet tanagers, and orchard orioles all made notable ap-

pearances.

The festival provided visitors with a variety of activities and events, such as guided bird walks, including specialized bird photog-

raphy walks and a unique walk teaching newbies how to use the eBird app, encouraging visitors to take part in citizen science initiatives.



Bird banding demonstrations were especially popular, as visitors were able to get up close and personal with a banded bird. The kids' corner was especially fun with craft making and "exploring

the nest."

New this year, PEPtBO celebrated Mother's Day and mothering with a special Brunch-in-a-Box meal and guided walk.

The 2023 Spring Birding Festival not only offers an opportunity to witness the marvel of spring migration, but also promotes awareness and action towards PEPtBO's mandate to monitor, report on and promote analysis of bird migration and populations. The success of this year's festival is a testament to the growing interest and appreciation for birding and the importance of protecting the Prince Edward County South Shore Biodiversity Area.



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