



21st Annual Fall Wildlife Festival



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, October 4, 2014 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A FREE Event Celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week

Location: on Sherburne County Road 9, five miles west of HWY 169. Watch for signs.



**Stan's Tekiela's Presentations are at:
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.**

**Stan will sign books following each presentation
at the Eagle's Nest Nature Store tent.**

11:00 am – Uncommon Facts about Common Birds

This is an entertaining talk presenting fascinating facts about some of the birds that people love to hate as well as tidbits about some of the more common birds in our yards. Stan will challenge your preconceived ideas about some common birds, including the European Starling, the American Crow, and many more. You will never look at these birds the same way again.

1:00 pm – Intriguing Owls

Nocturnal birds and animals have intrigued people since the dawn of time. In this presentation featuring some of his eye-popping owl photos, Stan will explain the many intriguing aspects of these nocturnal birds in plain and simple terminology. You will learn just how well owls see in the dark along with their amazing hearing abilities. If you are like most people and you are fascinated with owls, then you are sure to enjoy this program.



First Ever 5K Walk/Run – Running in the Wild

This first-ever event is sponsored by the Friends of Sherburne; race will start at 9 AM on festival day.

Register by September 25 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Registration form available online at:
<http://www.exploresherburne.org> (click here)

Booths and Activities - On-going Throughout the Day

Meet & Greet Live Minnesota Raptors • Horse-drawn Wagon Rides • Scavenger Hunt
Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota • **Prairie Seeds & Tea** • Nature Crafts
Archery • **Habitat Management** • Prairie Restorations, Inc. • **Music - Roy and Lee**
Northern Exposures Photography Club • **Meet Puddles!** • Minnesota Herpetological Society
Eagle's Nest Nature Store • Wildlife Discovery • **5K Run/Walk** • Face Painting
Friends of Sherburne Exhibit and Silent Auction • Pollination Station • **Geocaching**
Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District • TIP Wall of Shame Trailer
National Wild Turkey Federation - Jakes BB Shooting Range • Handke Nature Explore Center

Food

Hospitality Tent – Hot chocolate, coffee, cider, and cookies. – \$.25 each.

Brat & Hot Dog Lunch - Brat \$3.00, Hot Dog \$2.00, Pop \$.50 (served 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Refuge Birthday Cake - Celebrate the 49th birthday of Sherburne Refuge. Served at 1 p.m.

Event Hosts: Friends of Sherburne & Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
For more information, or special accommodations, call 763-389-3323.

TTY Federal Relay: 1-800-877-8339

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne> or sherburne@fws.gov



A Little More about Stan Tekiela

Naturalist, wildlife photographer, and writer Stan Tekiela is the originator of the popular state-specific field guides such as Birds of (state name) Field Guide, Wildflowers of (state name), and Trees of (state name). Over the past three decades Stan has authored more than 130 field guides, nature appreciation books, and wild life audio CDs for nearly every state in the nation, presenting many species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, trees, wildflowers, and cacti.

Holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural History from the University of Minnesota and as an active professional naturalist for more than 25 years, Stan studies and photographs wildlife throughout the United States and has received various national and regional awards for his books and photographs.

Booths and Activities

Following are descriptions of the booths and activities that will be ongoing throughout the day.

5K Run/Walk – Check in starting at 7:30 am; race starts at 9 am next to festival grounds. Register by September 25 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Registration form available online at <http://www.exploresherburne.org> (click here)

Archery – Try some target practice with MN Bowhunters.

Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota – Learn about bluebirds and how to create habitats that allow them to thrive. Bluebird houses will be available for sale.

Eagle's Nest Nature Store – T-shirts, hats, books, games, puzzles, and more. Be sure to buy your Duck Stamp today!

Explore the Refuge On Your Own – Several service roads will be open to vehicles 8 am - 3 pm

Face Painting – Let the Princeton Ambassadors give you a new look for festival day.

Friends of Sherburne NWR – Learn about the refuge's new education facility and how you can help the Friends to furnish it.

Geocaching Scavenger Hunt – Learn how to find caches of cool stuff around the festival grounds using a hand-held GPS unit. **Available ONLY during the event.**

Habitat Management – See the tools and equipment the refuge uses to manage refuge lands and play the Conservation Challenge game.

Handke Nature Explore Center – Staff from Elk River Schools Early Childhood Program will tell you about this wonderful resource and their programs there while your child enjoys a nature activity.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides – 10:30 am – 3:00 pm
Take a wagon ride through the oak savanna to learn about this special habitat, its wildlife, and plants. Interpreted wagon rides start after the 5K, about 10:30 am.

Meet & Greet Live Minnesota Raptors – Meet and learn about these birds from staff of the U of M's Raptor Center.

MN Herpetological Society – Get a close-up, and even hands-on, experience with a variety of Minnesota's reptiles and amphibians.

Music Performance by Roy & Lee – Performance starts at 2:15 pm in the presentation tent. Enjoy country, jazz, and good time music from the vast American songbook.



National Wild Turkey Federation – Jakes BB Shooting Range – Kids can try their hand at shooting in a safe environment.

Nature Crafts – Be creative. A hands-on activity for all ages. Make it then take it home.

Northern Exposures Photography Club – Check out their exhibit and get your photography questions answered.

Pollination Station – Learn about bees and other pollinators and why they are important to us.

Prairie Restorations, Inc. – Learn about native plants and how you can use them in your landscape.

Prairie Seeds & Tea – Learn to identify wildflowers and their seeds, plus taste a sweet treat.

Scavenger Hunt – Explore the festival area while solving riddles. Begin at hospitality tent.

Silent Auction – Support the Friends of Sherburne by bidding on many great donated items. Located in Hospitality Tent. Bidding closes at 2:00 pm.

Turn in Poachers Wall of Shame Trailer – See the effects of poaching on Minnesota's fish and game.

Wildlife Discovery – Test your skill at wildlife identification with furs, feathers and bones to help.