

# Calendar of Events – 2012

Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex



## February

### **Winter Birds**

*McNary National Wildlife Refuge*

February 18

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Discover the abundance of ducks, swans, geese and other migrating birds. Binoculars, spotting scopes, and bird guides will be provided. Results will be entered at [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org). More information will be coming soon!

## March

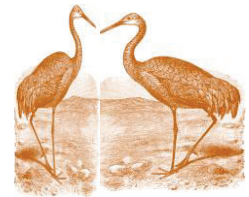
### **Othello Sandhill Crane Festival**

*Columbia National Wildlife Refuge and greater Othello area*

March 23-25

Experience the beauty and wonder of wildlife, highlighted by the return of Sandhill cranes to the Channeled Scablands. This three-day community event features a variety of activities from tours and lectures on the area's natural and cultural heritage to an art contest and children's activities. An admission fee is charged. For more information look online:

[www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org/](http://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org/)



## May

### **International Migratory Bird Day**

*Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge*

May 12

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Celebrate the migration of birds and their return to the Yakima Valley! Come identify, count and observe bird species throughout the morning. For more information about International Migratory Bird Day, visit [www.birdday.org/](http://www.birdday.org/)



## **August**

### **Greenwing Day**

*McNary National Wildlife Refuge*

August 11

8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Discover how to band ducks, identify waterfowl, call geese, retrieve ducks with a Labrador and much more. Members from Ducks Unlimited and the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about waterfowl through a variety of outdoor activities. Join us for our most popular annual event!



## **September**

### **National Public Lands Day**

*Umatilla National Forest*

September 22 or 29

Time: TBD

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve public lands. Join the U.S. Forest Service and other federal partners to get dirty and make a hands-on difference on your public lands.



## **October**

### **National Wildlife Refuge Week**

*Open House at Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge*

October 6 or 13

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Travel to Irrigon, OR, and discover Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge as it follows alongside the Columbia River. Explore the refuge, the new buildings, and view wildlife and birds with experienced guides.



**All events are free unless specified, and open to the public.**

### **For more information:**

Friends of Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges

<http://friendsofmcrwr.org/>

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<http://www.fws.gov/mcriver/>

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