

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge La Crosse District N5727 County Rd Z Onalaska, WI 54650

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## **Backyard Birding Basics Presentation**

Hone your winter birding skills just in time for this year's Great Backyard Bird Count! As part of the 100th Anniversary Interpretive Series, join Ranger Steve Bodovinitz on Thursday, February 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the La Crosse District Visitor Center for a Backyard Birding Basics presentation.

Birding is an interactive and immersive way to experience wildlife on the Refuge. The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is situated in world-class birding territory along the Mississippi Flyway, making it one of the most popular activities for locals and destination birders alike. Stop by to learn the basics you'll need to get started, tips and tricks, and common winter birds in the Greater La Crosse area this time of year. This event will be taking place the day prior to the Great Backyard Bird Count, which is a global event from February 16 - 19.

The Backyard Birding Basics presentation is a free event and will be taking place in a classroom-style venue located at N5727 County Rd Z, Onalaska, WI 54650. For questions, please call (608) 779-2398.

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is celebrating 100 years of conservation and has been part of YOUR public land and home to countless species of plants and animals for 100 years.

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