

The *Great Stratford Bird Festival Committee* proudly announces its 3rd annual bird festival September 24th - 26th.



This year's festival is even more exciting than ever. With Mr. Phil Donahue acting as this year's Honorary Chair, and Mr. James Prosek announcing his new book "*Eels*" as the festival's keynote speaker, this year's festival promises to be especially entertaining and enlightening for all attendees. Mr. Donahue will host a Friday evening clambake at Boothe Park and share some of his birding wit and wisdom with clambake dinner attendees.

Events planned for the festival include a kite flying contest, children's stories and activities at the Stratford Library, several birding walks throughout Stratford, world class bird carvings, and field trips to view the "Swallow Spectacle" in Essex, and the annual hawk migration at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven.

World champion bird carver, Thomas Horn, will be on hand to exhibit and discuss his winning bird carvings. Connecticut DEP's Julie Victoria will discuss the remarkable recovery of the osprey, a one-time threatened coastal raptor. The festival will spotlight master falconer Brian Bradley presenting his "Skyhunters in Flight" aerial displays. Wind Over Wings and Sharon Audubon will visit with several of their rehabilitated, non-releasable birds of prey.

Local birder and Master Wildlife Conservationist, David Wright, exclaims, "With all the recent attention riveted on Stratford's very special and unusual avian visitors, it's only natural that there should be a festival recognizing Stratford's outstanding and singular bird population..

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The Great Stratford Bird Festival Committee promotes, for the benefit of the general public, the preservation of Stratford's natural resources and the birds which live, and migrate through, these rich open space natural resources.