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## News Release

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## ***Celebrate Summer Wings*** **at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park**

**Albuquerque, NM** – Learn about creatures of the air at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park on August 3, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Programs will feature the birds, dragonflies, and butterflies of New Mexico through booths, tours, hands-on bird banding, and lectures.

“This is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Wings festival,” says Park Superintendent, Beth Dillingham. “We are so excited to have a variety of presenters and live demonstrations. This is a fun and educational event for the whole family.”

The schedule of events for August 3 includes:

- 8:00 AM – *Guided Bird Walk*
- 8:30 AM – *Tour of Grassland Restoration Project*, Central NM Audubon
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM – *Hummingbird Banding*, Bill Talbot
  
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Booths and Tables
  - *Bird Identification*, Central NM Audubon
  - *Live Birds*, Wildlife Rescue
  - *Bosque Bits Table*
  - *Raffle of Sandhill Crane Painting by Judith Roderick*
  
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – *Dragonfly Talk and Fieldtrip*, Karen Gaines
- 1:00 PM – *The Life of the Butterfly*, Tatia Velkamp
- 2:00 PM – *Hummingbird Talk*, Bill Talbot

Children’s activities will be conducted throughout the day and refreshments will be available. There is a \$3 day use fee. For more information on *Summer Wings* please go to [www.rgnc.org](http://www.rgnc.org).

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