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## News Release

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## Herbfest 2019 at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

Presented by the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park, Herbfest 2019 takes place Saturday and Sunday May 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park, 2901 Candelaria Rd NW in Albuquerque. The festival combines nature and music once again this year; an exciting variety of musical groups will perform both days.

Herbfest offers herbs, wildflowers, and native plants for sale, arts and crafts for sale, and educational speakers. Each day will also include guided bird and bosque walks, crafts for kids, non-profit booths, bird identification with the Audubon Society, a biofacts table and refreshments. Wildlife Rescue Inc. will be onsite with live educational birds.

Saturday, May 11 at 9:30 in the Outdoor Classroom, elected and other officials will join members of the Albuquerque Urban Bird Coalition to announce new migratory bird conservation and education initiatives. The ABQ Urban Bird Coalition will also present a new birding map for the city. Join us in celebrating the renewed commitment of partners to continue work in Albuquerque for migratory birds.

A \$3/vehicle day-use fee or display of annual permit applies.

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### SATURDAY

- 8:30: Guided bird walk
- 9:30: Albuquerque Urban Bird Treaty City Re-dedication
- 10:00: Music, Music for All Seasons
- 10:30: Guided bosque walk
- 11:00: Music, Dog Star
- Noon: Speaker, Timothy Lowrey,  
"Origins of Commonly Used Herbs  
and Spices"
- 1:00: Speaker, Michael Halverson,  
"Native Plants in Your Landscape"
- 2:00: Music, 80 Jackson Street
- 3:00: Music, Adobe Brothers

**SUNDAY**

8:30: Guided bird walk  
10:00: Music, Friends Forever  
10:30: Guided bosque walk  
11:00: Music, Virginia Creeper  
Noon: Speaker Wesley Brittenham, "Earthly Delights of Gardens"  
1:00: Speaker Lu Lu Sage, "Beekeeping in an Urban Environment"  
2:00: Music, Saoirse  
3:00: Music, C & J Ltd.

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