

FREE Children's Science and Art programs at the Project Puffin Visitor Center

Tuesdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm

7/12 — Migration Destination: Kids will learn why birds migrate. For instance some migrate due to changing weather; others due to changing food sources. Kids will play *Migration Headache* which will emphasize the importance of preserving natural areas for migration. Obstacles birds face during such a long journey, and how their migration is affected by humans will be discussed.

7/19 — Reduce, reuse, recycle! What happens when balloons fly off into the sky and water bottles end up in the ocean? Students will learn why it is important to properly dispose of garbage and recycle for our feathered friends and the environment. We will then use recyclable materials to create our very own personal bird feeders, bird houses, and bird baths!

7/26 — Adaptations: Why do some birds have really long curved beaks, a broad wingspan, or webbed feet? We will be discussing the amazing adaptations found in the bird world, and why birds look and act the way they do. Then, we will create with arts and crafts our very own unique birds with special adaptations!

8/02 — Ecology: What does a healthy ecosystem look like? How do birds interact with other animals that they live next to, and how do they use their environment? We will be using arts and crafts and games to show what a healthy ecosystem looks like, and what happens when it is not in balance. Students will create scenes of what a healthy ecosystem of their choice looks like (i.e. ocean, forest, or seabird colony).

8/09 — Your curiosities about a puffin's life cycle will be answered! Kids will take home their own puffin life cycle mobile

8/16 — Nests and Bird Homes: what kind of nests do different bird species make and why? What kind of materials do they use to build their nests, and how do they help the eggs hatch and the baby birds grow up? Are they hidden underground? Do they camouflage? We will be learning about how different birds build their nests, from hummingbirds to cassowaries, and then designing our very own nests with these adaptations in mind

8/23 — Birds of a Feather: Why are some birds so colorful? Why do males and females look similar for some species, but very different for others? And why do some birds fly silently while others fly loudly? We will be learning why feathers are certain colors, textures, and structures. Then we will design our very own birds with different types of feather structures and colors!