

# Greater Idaho Falls International Migratory Bird Day



**May 15-16<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Theme: Restore Habitat Restore Birds**



**Location:** Ducks Unlimited Market Lake Ranch adjacent to Market Lake Wildlife Management Area (See map and directions on back) and various tours around the region

**Hosts:** Jointly hosted by Ducks Unlimited Inc., Snake River Audubon Society, Idaho Master Naturalists, Friends of Camas Refuge, BYU-Idaho Outdoor Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, The Nature Conservancy, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Teton Regional Land Trust.

## *Schedule of Events*

**May 15:** See conservation in action by joining a scheduled birding tour of The Nature Conservancy Flat Ranch in Island Park or the Gold Ranch on the Henrys Fork. Tours are limited: Contact Rob Cavallaro (525-7290) for reservations. **No cost, but donations to the Eastern Idaho International Migratory Bird Day fund are appreciated.**

**May 16:** Scheduled tours to Market Lake WMA, Mud Lake WMA (Limited canoes available. You likely need your own canoe/kayak), Camas NWR and the Snake River. **Tours are by reservation only and limited to 12 persons per tour.** Contact Brian Wehausen ([brian\\_wehausen@fws.gov](mailto:brian_wehausen@fws.gov) or 208-241-5410) to register. **No cost, but donations to the Eastern Idaho International Migratory Bird Day fund are appreciated.**

**9:00 AM – Market Lake Ranch open to the public.** Area biologists and naturalists will be on hand with displays/information, area birders will be available to take beginning birders on birding walks or accompany you to Market Lake WMA. Learn how to make your backyard a bird paradise!

**9:30 AM- Beginning Birding Class.** Have you wanted to get started in birding but haven't known how? Join this 2 hour class to learn birding basics and then take a short walk to put what you learn into practice. Sign up by contacting the Idaho Department of Fish and Game-**525-7290**. **Reserve your space today! Class limited to 15 people. No cost, but donations are appreciated**

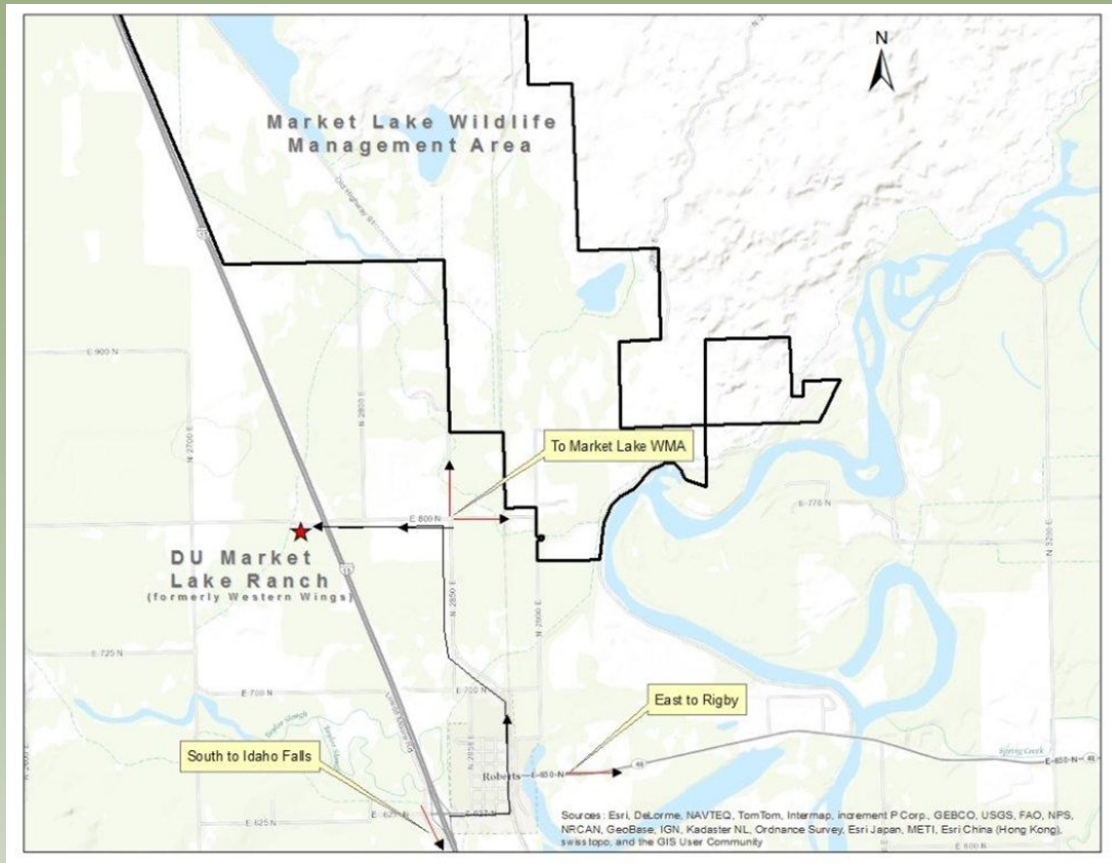
**Learn the history and purpose of waterfowl decoys** as you watch master carvers produce handmade decoys throughout the day.

**10:00 AM – Especially for kids.** Learn how to identify birds, go on a bird walk with a local birder, build a bird house with expert help from Home Depot, have fun painting decoys. BYU-I students will be on hand to help kids with fun bird-related activities. Binoculars and tools supplied.

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Free lunch** (hamburgers, hot dogs and chips) to be served. **No cost, but donations to the Eastern Idaho International Migratory Bird Day fund are appreciated.**

**1:10 PM – Live Bird presentation from Teton Raptor Center** - **Enjoy a unique, up-close, arm's length learning experience with LIVE raptors – featuring hawks, falcons, eagles and owls.** Learn about traits of raptors, adaptations of diurnal and nocturnal raptors, fables and stories about raptors, local birds of prey, predator and prey relationships, conservation issues and more from Teton Raptor Center!



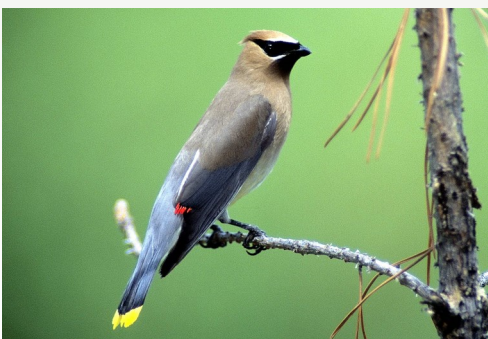


### ***Directions to the Ducks Unlimited Market Lake Ranch***

From Idaho Falls: Travel north on Interstate 15 for approximately 18 miles to Roberts, Idaho. Take the Roberts Exit (Exit 135) east onto E 627 N and drive to North Bassett Road (N 2880 E). Turn north on North Bassett Road. Travel through the town of Roberts for approximately 1.75 miles to the Diamond Road (E 800 N). Turn Left (west) onto the Diamond road and cross over Interstate 15.

The Ducks Unlimited Market Lake Ranch headquarters (formerly Western Wings property) is on the left.

***Camas NWR , Mud Lake WMA and Market Lake WMA are easily accessible from this location.***



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