

# **Bemidji is Minnesota's Newest 'Bird City.' Join in the celebration! June 10-11**



## WHAT IS A BIRD CITY?

To receive this recognition from Audubon Minnesota, the City of Bemidji and local organizations demonstrated bird-friendly actions they are leading such as creating new habitat; promoting use of native plant species; erecting nest boxes, practicing conservation planning, reducing bird collisions with windows; hosting bird hikes and other events; offering youth nature activities; and promoting citizen science monitoring and research.

### Bemidji's 'Bird City Partners'

- Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society (lead)
- City of Bemidji
- Headwaters Science Center
- Bogs & Logs Master Naturalists
- Bemidji State University
- MN Department of Natural Resources

## **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** ([entry to State Park is free this day](#))

**Morning Bird Hike (7:15 am - 8:30 am), Lake Bemidji State Park** – Discover what birds make Bemidji their summer home.

**Minnesota Raptors, Live! (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm), Lake Bemidji State Park** - Come see live birds and learn what makes a raptor different from other types of birds: hunting styles, what they eat, where they nest, and "whooooo" might be living in your backyard!

## **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Bird and Native Plant Restorations tour (10:00 am – noon) Bemidji State University** – A lot is happening on the BSU campus to benefit birds and pollinators. See purple martin houses, bird feeders, lakeshore restoration, butterfly gardens and more. Meet at the southeast corner of the Bangsberg Fine Arts Parking lot – near the Lakeshore Trail.

**Official Bird City Designation (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm), Cameron Park Pavilion**

**Welcome** – Minnesota Headwaters Audubon Society

**Purple Martin Conservation** – What is being done in Bemidji to help these song birds? Dr. Brian Hiller, BSU

**Award of Bird City status** to Mayor Rita Albrecht by Audubon Minnesota

**Family/kids activities** – led by Sarah Wilson, lead educator of the Apple Blossom Nature School