May 1, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bird Rescue Shares the Spotlight on Bird LA Day

Public is invited to family-friendly open house on May 4, 2019 to learn how we can all take action to protect seabirds!

Media contacts:
Russ Curtis, Mobile: 415-533-1357
Jen Villafane, Mobile: 925-255-3556

What: Open House as part of the annual Bird LA Day

Where: International Bird Rescue – Los Angeles Wildlife Center
3601 South Gaffey St, San Pedro 90731 (Map)
Note: Enter off South Gaffey Street at Barlow Saxton Road (W. 32nd Street)

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10 AM – 2 PM

San Pedro, CA – In a city where celebrities are royalty – this Saturday the birds grab the spotlight. On May 4th the sixth annual Bird LA Day celebrates birds that call Los Angeles home!

The public is invited to International Bird Rescue’s Open House in San Pedro. As a major Bird LA Day participant, the wildlife organization will have crafts, special presentations, a gift shop, and educational booths where you can learn more about the waterbirds that we care for and how you can take action to protect them.

Joining us at our center will be our friends Wild Birds Unlimited, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, Tree Care for Birds and Other Wildlife, Ánimo Leadership Charter High School, Angels Gate Cultural Center, 5 Gyres, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, and the El Dorado Nature Center

Starting at 11 AM, Bird Rescue will welcome our Executive Director JD Bergeron and local partners for presentations at the center. Our executive director will share
information about our programs including wildlife rehabilitation and oil spill response, the Marine Biology and Environmental Club from Amino High School will discuss plastic pollution's impact on wildlife, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy will share their bird-focused programs including the cactus wren citizen science project. We will also have art activities led by artists from the Angels Gate Cultural Center and a DIY activity and presentation on the Zero Waste Lifestyle with Chi Le and Maciej Lisiak.

A special wildlife watching evening sail is being offered by our friends at Lami Topsail from 5:00 - 7:30 PM with special discounts for Bird LA Day guests. Find more information and book tickets at www.lamitopsail.org or by calling 310-833-6055.

Bird Rescue continues to ask for the public’s help in caring for rescued waterbirds in need. Donations can be made online at www.bird-rescue.org/help or mailed to the center directly. We encourage anyone who spots a sick or injured waterbird to call their local animal control or contact us directly at 310-514-2573.

**About International Bird Rescue:** In 1971 after 800,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the bay, concerned individuals led by a registered nurse named Alice Berkner jumped into action, bringing International Bird Rescue to life. We have always had to pave a road where there is none. Staff and volunteers work with tenacity alongside clients, partners, and the public to find solutions. Today, we research best practices at our crisis response hospitals in California and Alaska and share them worldwide. Our mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. We dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves.

Learn more at [https://www.bird-rescue.org/](https://www.bird-rescue.org/)

International Bird Rescue – Los Angeles Wildlife Center
3601 S Gaffey Street
San Pedro, California 90731

###