



wildlife Wednesdays

2016-2017 Free Lecture Series At The Alaska Zoo



November 9

Plastic Marine Debris: It's What You Don't See

Join UAF, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Master's student, Veronica Padula, as she shares how plastics in the Bering Sea are effecting seabirds and the overall ecosystem health. Learn how plastic debris in the Bering Sea is impacting seabirds and their prey who mistake plastics for food.

February 8

Love is in the Air – Courtship of Alaska Birds

Alaska is a destination for nesting shorebirds, songbirds, and birds of prey. Many of these love birds travel thousands of miles to reach Alaska, while some of them are short distant travelers. With Valentine's Day approaching, come learn more about the secret lives, courtship, and nesting behaviors of birds of Alaska, from Alicia King with the U.S. Forest Service.

December 14

When Scientists Get Surprised: Brown Bear and Sea Otter Research at Katmai National Park

Seeing is believing! Come learn what scientists discovered after installing remote cameras at two islands along the Katmai coast this summer. Grant Hilderbrand and Dan Monson of the USGS Alaska Science Center will share information, photos and videos on their studies of brown bears and sea otters along the Katmai National Park coast.

March 8

Where have all the Kings Gone?

Declines of king salmon populations across Alaska since 2007 are perplexing scientists and concerning Alaskans who treasure their iconic salmon. Bill Templin, a fisheries scientist and geneticist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, will talk about a research project that investigated Chinook salmon stocks across Alaska to help understand what might be causing this downturn, and what may reverse the trend.

January 11

Wolves of the Alaska Peninsula

Join Dominique Watts, biologist with the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges, as he shares fascinating study results, photos and video of the wolf packs he has followed for nearly 10 years. The findings on these little-studied wolves and their unique diet in this remote region of the Alaska are eye-opening.

April 12

Working for Healthy Alaskan Wildlife

Have you ever wanted to be a wildlife veterinarian, or wondered what they did? If so, please join Dr. Bob Gerlach, the Alaska State Veterinarian, to learn how he monitors the health of Alaska's wildlife, and is keeping an eye out for diseases that could be passed to people.



All Wildlife Wednesday talks are ASL interpreted.

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All lectures will be from 7-8pm in the Alaska Zoo Gateway Hall