Welcome to The WFVZ, "The Bird Museum"

The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation, is both a natural history collection specializing in eggs and nests of birds from around the world, and a research and education institution dedicated to bird conservation. The Foundation's collections are among the largest in the world, and its mission is to contribute to the conservation of the world’s wild bird species through the accessibility of the collections and their data to researchers, educators, students, and the public. The WFVZ also contributes to bird conservation through bird education programs for scientific professionals and the public, and field- and collections-based bird conservation research projects and publications.

Researchers

The Museum's hours of operation for researchers are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. The WFVZ is not open to the public except by prior appointment. Researchers must contact us and give us at least 48 hours notice if they want access to the collections. (View a list of services offered to researchers.) To search our computerized data electronically, please visit the ORNIS
at portalhttp://ornis2.ornisnet.org/using.html

Scheduled Public Tours

Staff of the WFVZ conduct public tours of the large collection of bird eggs, nests, and mounted specimens on the last Friday of every month at 3 p.m. (except November, and December). Please call at least one day in advance to register (each tour is for a maximum of 20 people). Our fee for tours is $5 per person (WFVZ members free).

Group Tours by Appointment

Special Group Tours (see our flyer) can be arranged for 10+ people for school classes, community groups, and other organizations. Please call to arrange a tour at least 3 months in advance. Our fee for tours is $5 per person. Please visit our Education Program page and contact the Foundation for more information.

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