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Calling All Birders for Films, Talks, and Field Trips

MADISON, Wis. – Movie and bird lovers will have a chance to meet to discuss their passions with the directors of two wildlife films, *Ghost Bird* and *Wild New York*, after the screenings of the two films on Saturday (Nov. 7).

The films will be shown at UW Cinematheque, 4070 Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave., as part of the *Tales from Planet Earth* community and film festival. *Wild New York* screens at 11 a.m., followed by a discussion with director Adam Welz. *Ghost Bird*, about the search for the giant ivory billed woodpecker, screens at 2 p.m., followed by a talk by director Scott Crocker.

The festival is teaming up with the International Crane Foundation of Baraboo to spotlight wildlife conservation and promote education – especially about endangered bird species living in our urban environment.

The Madison bird-watching community will host two additional events in conjunction with the festival. “Tweet ’n Meet” is an ongoing event that began Nov. 1 and will allow bird-watchers to document their bird sightings and organize group outings on Twitter.

“Bagels with a Birder” is a free opportunity for community members to meet local bird experts and enjoy bagels and coffee before going out on a search for songbirds and other seasonal birds. They will meet at the Picnic Point entrance at 7:30 a.m. (Sat.) Nov. 7 and (Sun.) Nov. 8. Binoculars are encouraged!

Tales from Planet Earth, to be held Nov. 6-8 at several venues in downtown Madison, will showcase about 50 films from around the world. For complete details, visit TalesFromPlanetEarth.com.

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