

# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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## ***Raptors of the Desert Sky Flight Program Begins Saturday, May 25***

BEND, OR — The High Desert Museum's signature outdoor avian flight program, Raptors of the Desert Sky, begins on Saturday, May 25 with daily shows through Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

Hawks, owls, falcons and turkey vultures soar from perch to perch directly over the crowd seated in a natural amphitheater nestled in the Museum's pine forest. A Museum expert narrates the action and shares about the hunting strategies and natural behaviors of these spectacular birds of prey.

"The outdoor flight program is a highlight of the High Desert Museum experience in the summertime," said Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. "It's an event we take great pride in sharing with visitors, learning about the raptors, their ecology and flight dynamics, is nothing short of a thrilling experience."

The program takes place daily at 11:30 am except for July 4, weather permitting. The Museum website will be updated to reflect any time changes, such as an earlier start time to accommodate for high temperatures. Tickets are separate from Museum entry (\$3 for Members, seniors and children ages 3-12, \$5 for non-Members, free for children 2 or younger) and must be purchased by 11:00 am. They are not available online.

Learn more at [highdesertmuseum.org/raptors-of-the-desert-sky](https://highdesertmuseum.org/raptors-of-the-desert-sky).

Raptors of the Desert Sky is made possible by the Redmond Airport with support from Bigfoot Beverages.

### ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM opened in 1982 and brings regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's High Desert country. The Museum uses indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, and living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the High Desert environment. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, was a 2018 finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service and is a Smithsonian Affiliate.

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