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FAMOUS BIRDING AUTHOR, ANIMAL MOMS MARK MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10 and 11

PHILADELPHIA—Celebrate Mother's Day—and International Migratory Bird Day—by meeting some animal moms and a celebrated birding author with a close relationship to his mother.

At 2:30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 10**, International Migratory Bird Day, noted ornithologist and author Kenn Kaufman will give a richly illustrated presentation on "Wings of the Imagination: Why We Need Birds." He also will sign copies of his new book, "Flights Against the Sunset."

Drawing on a lifetime of experiences from Africa to the Antarctic to American back yards, Kaufman will explore the mysteries of bird life and the ways they can add to our understanding of our place in the world. Kaufman suggests in his talk that people's encounters with birds not only increase the sense of wonder but also increase the ability to communicate with our fellow humans.

Kaufman is the originator of the Kaufman Field Guide series (birds, butterflies, mammals and insects). He also has written "Lives of American Birds," the cult classic "Kingbird Highway," and the "Peterson Field Guide to Advance Birding." His latest book, to be published in April, "Flights Against the Sunset," is a moving memoir about his passion for nature and his relationship with his mother. Kaufman will sign copies of his book, which will be available in the Academy Shop. This event is free with museum admission.

On **Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11**, the Academy will show off some of the more nurturing residents of its popular Florence R. Foerderer Live Animal Center, home to some 100 animals that are injured and cannot survive in the wild. Staff will present live animal shows at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. both days. In between, they will supply arts and crafts materials for visitors to make a Mother's Day card to take home. This event is free with museum admission.

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The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3–12, seniors, students with college I.D. and military personnel, and free for children under 3. There is a \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"

Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and is a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.