

## Explore Sand Bluff Bird Observatory and Anderson Japanese Gardens

Tuesday, September 14: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 \$80 for Friends members - \$85 for guests  
 Limited to 30 people on a first-come basis  
 Registration deadline is September 2

**Leaving from the Arboretum Visitor Center**, this trip begins with a tour of the Sand Bluff Bird Observatory located at Colored Sands Forest Preserve near Rockford, Illinois. It is one of the largest song-bird banding stations in the United States—as many as 4,000 birds, including raptors, are banded each year.

For the past 30 years, master bird banders and volunteers have been conducting studies in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service as part of ongoing investigations into bird migration. This visit promises to be a fascinating opportunity to see a wide variety of migrating birds up-close as you observe experienced volunteers check nets, band and release birds.

We will travel to Rockford for a gourmet lunch at Cliffbreakers, a gracious restaurant overlooking the Rock River and filled with antiques from all over the world.

After lunch we will take a guided tour of Anderson Japanese Gardens, ranked the top Japanese garden in North America. The garden covers 12 acres with winding paths, a 12th Century Kamakura-style pond, strolling garden, granite pagoda, four cascading waterfalls and several traditional buildings, including a formal Sukiya-style tea house and Kasatenjo-style bamboo and cypress gazebo.

We recommend comfortable walking shoes. Good mobility is essential to take the tour at Anderson Gardens, since there is irregular terrain without handrails. Please bring warm and waterproof clothing, a morning snack and binoculars.



Top photo source: <http://www.sandbluff.org>  
 Bottom photo from Anderson Japanese Gardens Web site by David Anderson

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 Special Dietary Requirements

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\_\_\_\_\_ Number participating @ \$80 each (members)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number participating @ \$85 each (non-members)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total payment enclosed

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guests' names \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_ (nights) \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail \_\_\_\_\_