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AUTHOR JOHN MARZLUFF TO SPEAK AT HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Welcome to Subirdia reveals rich bird diversity in suburbs

In partnership with Oregon Wildlife, the High Desert Museum will host a talk with John Marzluff, author of **Welcome to Subirdia** and TED Talk presenter, on **Wednesday, February 25**. In his book, Marzluff reveals that our suburbs and city parks are often remarkably rich in bird diversity, holding more species than either wilderness areas or urban centers. In fact, Marzluff says, suburbs may play a key role in preventing loss of species in the face of the dramatic disruptions of climate change and other human impacts.

“John Marzluff is an internationally-renowned ornithologist and celebrated author who makes cutting-edge bird research accessible to a wide audience”, says High Desert Museum Curator John Goodell. “His new book is extremely relevant to the subject of bird conservation amidst the rapid growth of Central Oregon.”

Marzluff will explain how some birds are adapting and thriving in moderately urban ecosystems, often evolving before our eyes. The ways we manage our property, plan our towns, and think about the nonhuman residents of our ecosystems can make a difference for our children and grandchildren.

Attendees are invited to come at 5:30pm to explore the Museum’s indoor exhibits, meet the author and enjoy a beverage. The lecture will begin at 6:30pm. Admission is \$3 for Museum or Oregon Wildlife members and \$5 for non-members. There will be a no-host bar. RSVPs are requested: www.highdesertmuseum.rsvp or by calling 541-382-4754.

The event will take place at the High Desert Museum, 59800 South Highway 97, Bend, OR 97702

About John Marzluff:

John Marzluff is James W. Ridgeway Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington, where he teaches classes in ornithology, urban ecology, conservation and field research. His previous books include, *In the Company of Crows and Ravens* (with Tony Angell), *Dog Days, Raven Nights* (with his wife Colleen), and *Gifts of the Crow* (with Tony Angell). He is a Fellow of the American Ornithologist’s Union.