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COMMUNITY CALENDAR RELEASE

WHAT: 7th Annual Backyard Wildlife Festival

**WHEN: Saturday, May 12, 2007
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wildlife Garden Tour 3 p.m.-5 p.m.**

**WHERE: Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Avenue South
Tukwila, WA 98198
Indoor/Outdoor Venue on the banks of the Duwamish River**

OVERVIEW:

The Backyard Wildlife Festival is a free, all-day community festival that promotes habitat restoration of backyard wildlife including birds, butterflies, squirrels, and other wildlife. It makes for a great stop on a regional tour of birding festivals that emerge in the Northwest throughout the Spring.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Procession of the Species Costume Parade** - a procession of children of all ages dancing and marching in costumes that mimic their favorite northwest wildlife animal. (12:00 p.m.)
- **Guided Birding Walk** on the Duwamish River by Carol Schulz of the Rainier Audubon Society (10:30 a.m.)
- **REI Pavilion** – Activities teaching kids stewardship and respect for wildlife habitats out in the natural world.
- **NW Trek Kid's Zone** – Educational workshops to allow kids to explore the world of nature and wildlife through hands on activities.
- **Native Plant Sales** - Talk to the experts about what plants will thrive on your property, ask about drought-tolerant plants and have your questions answered while you purchase the plants that will make your property a wildlife-friendly paradise.
- **Arts and Crafts Marketplace** - browse gardening and nature related product booths including plant sales, fresh produce, birdhouses and more.
- **Garden Tour** - A self-guided tour of certified wildlife habitat gardens in the area. (Begins at 3:00 p.m.)
- **"Bird Talk"** – The musical group will be performing their trademark bird songs live while painting scenes of birds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit the festival website at www.backyardwildlifefair.org or call the hotline at 206.768.2822

SPONSORS:

The City of Tukwila, National Wildlife Federation, REI, King Conservation District