

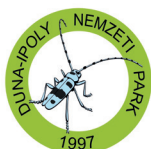


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# TATA WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

**VENUE:** Birdwatching Tower, Építők Park, Old Lake (Öreg-tó), Tata**ORGANIZERS:** BirdLife Hungary Komárom-Esztergom County Group, Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate, Száz Völgy Nature Conservation Association**PATRON:** József Michl, Mayor of Tata**GUEST OF HONOUR:** 4TH ROUNDTABLE OF WETLAND CITY MAYORS AND ALL OF HUNGARIAN NATIONAL PARK DIRECTORATESFrom November 15, 2025, online streaming from two cameras of the geese at Old Lake on: [www.vadludsokadalom.hu](http://www.vadludsokadalom.hu)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

### LAKESHORE, NEXT TO THE "LECTURES" EVENT TENT

17<sup>00</sup> The Autumn Starry Sky – lecture by MCE Tatabánya Amateur Astronomy Club and TIT Károly Posztoczky Observatory and Museum

### MALOM ÉS KACSA BISTRO CAFÉ & EVENT HALL

18<sup>00</sup> My Wild World! Behind the Scenes of Nature Photography – Csaba Lóki

19<sup>00</sup> Return the Water to the Landscape – András Németh

20<sup>00</sup> Ornithological Updates – Birdwatching Competition Instructions

20<sup>15</sup> The Mysterious, Remote Birdlife of Tierra del Fuego – Szabolcs Kókay

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

### PUBLIC PROGRAMS ON THE LAKESHORE

6<sup>00</sup>–17<sup>00</sup> Birdwatching with telescopes, guided by ornithologists

7<sup>00</sup>– MORNING DEPARTURE: Watch thousands of geese fly out – narrated by Zoltán Orbán, ornithologist, spokesperson of BirdLife Hungary

8<sup>15</sup> Official Opening of the 25th Tata Wild Goose Festival

8<sup>45</sup> Live Connection: Goose Migration in Hungary – goose populations of internationally significant wetlands

10<sup>00</sup> Animal Fun Show – Gábor Tóth

12<sup>00</sup> Falconry Demonstration – Zoltán Krekács, horse-mounted falconer and reenactor

13<sup>00</sup> Animal Fun Show – Ádám Farkas

14<sup>00</sup> Demonstration of BirdLife Hungary Poison Detection Dogs – Gábor Deák

16<sup>00</sup>– EVENING RETURN: Watch the geese fly back to roost on the lakeshore – narrated by Zoltán Orbán

### GUIDED BIRDWATCHING TOURS: Meeting point: at the "Bird Ringing" stand

9<sup>00</sup> és 13<sup>00</sup> How to Birdwatch, What to Use? Walks for beginner and advanced birdwatchers. Guided by BirdLife Hungary Youth Section (beginner walk ~1 hour, advanced walk around the lake ~3 hours).

10<sup>00</sup> Woodpecker Observation – walk near the lake. Guided by Gerard Gorman & Antal Klébert (English: Wetlands and Woodpeckers).

10<sup>30</sup> Local History Walk along the Old Lake Shore. Guided by Dr. Gábor Ballabás, Attila Czumpf, Ferenc Márkus

### „PLAYHOUSE” main tent

9<sup>00</sup>–16<sup>00</sup>

Nature presentations, games, observations, and handicraft workshops.

Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate  
“Bogárháton” Demonstration  
ÖSVÉNY Education Centre,  
Meseposta

### „NATIONAL PARKS” main tent

9<sup>00</sup>– 16<sup>00</sup>

Exhibition stands of Hungarian National Parks.

Habitat and species protection programs, interactive activities, puzzles, games, and lots of knowledge in one place.

### „LECTURES” main tent – With projected presentations and discussions

*Simultaneous interpretation provided for English lectures.*

9<sup>00</sup>

History and Global Status of the Ramsar Convention – Jay Aldous

9<sup>30</sup>–11<sup>00</sup>

Ramsar City Presentations

9<sup>30</sup>–9<sup>45</sup>

1st Wetland City Presentation:

9<sup>45</sup>–10<sup>00</sup>

2nd Wetland City Presentation:

10<sup>00</sup>–10<sup>15</sup>

3rd Wetland City Presentation:

10<sup>15</sup>–10<sup>30</sup>

4th Wetland City Presentation:

10<sup>30</sup>–10<sup>45</sup>

5th Wetland City Presentation:

10<sup>45</sup>–11<sup>00</sup>

6th Wetland City Presentation:

11<sup>00</sup>

Ramsar Sites in Hungary (alkaline lakes, Baradla Cave, fishponds) – András Schmidt

11<sup>30</sup>

Bird Photographer of the Year 2025: presentation of winning images and creators

12<sup>00</sup>–13<sup>30</sup>

Ramsar City Presentations (in English, simultaneous interpretation provided)

12<sup>00</sup>–12<sup>15</sup>

7th Wetland City Presentation:

12<sup>15</sup>–12<sup>30</sup>

8th Wetland City Presentation:

12<sup>30</sup>–12<sup>45</sup>

9th Wetland City Presentation:

12<sup>45</sup>–13<sup>00</sup>

10th Wetland City Presentation:

13<sup>00</sup>–13<sup>15</sup>

11th Wetland City Presentation:

13<sup>15</sup>–13<sup>30</sup>

12th Wetland City Presentation:

13<sup>30</sup>

The Uniqueness, History and Achievements of the Tata Wild Goose Festival – Péter Csonka

14<sup>00</sup>

25 Years of the Tata Wild Goose Festival – Birthday Celebration

14<sup>30</sup>

Creating Habitats in Your Garden – Bence Máté, nature photographer

### STANDS ON THE LAKESHORE

- Bird ringing: at 08:00, 09:00, 09:30, 10:30, 11:30
- National Parks and Nature Parks of Hungary
- Száz Völgy Nature Conservation Association
- BirdLife Hungary
- Hortobágy Nature Conservation Association
- Ottó Herman Institute
- Little Owl Protection Association
- Barn Owl Protection Foundation
- Bakony Bat Protection Foundation
- Magosfa Foundation
- Sóstó Nature Conservation Foundation and Wildlife Rescue Centre
- Hungarian Hiking Association
- MCE Tatabánya Amateur Astronomy Club & TIT Károly Posztoczky Observatory and Museum
- HungaroMet
- “Dunavirág” Waterbus – Mobile Research Lab
- Swarovski Optic
- Arde: Interactive Sculpture Exhibition from Metal Waste and Kitchenware
- Itthon vagy otthon! – Tourism programs and information
- ADVENT FAIR: artisans, local farmers, folk artists
- From 21:00 – 30Y concert at Tata Peron

### MALOM ÉS KACSA BISTRO CAFÉ & EVENT HALL

18<sup>30</sup> From the Jókai Garden to New Guinea – 25 Years as a Nature Artist – Szabolcs Kókay

19<sup>00</sup> An Isolated World? The Wildlife of Saudi Arabia – Dr. Norbert Riezing

19<sup>30</sup> The Invisible Hunter: Wolves in Hungary – Adrián Novák

20<sup>00</sup> Award Ceremony of the Birdwatching Competition

20<sup>30</sup> AFrom the Andes to the Amazon Basin: Peru’s Wildlife – Dr. Gergő Nagy



The organizers reserve the right to change the program.

**ALL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.**

**FOR THE PEACE OF RESTING WATERBIRDS, IT IS STRICTLY  
FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE WATER/ICE BEYOND THE MARKED  
AREAS OR TO USE DRONES AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY.**

On the entire area of the Old Lake – designated as a wetland of  
international importance under the Ramsar Convention  
– bird protection is ensured by the official Nature Conservation  
Ranger Service.

**WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU!**