Using Special Events to Engage Locals Onsite







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What do they have in common?



International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD)

- In 1993 Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.
- 1995 to 2006 National Fish and
 Wildlife Foundation
 and U.S. Fish and
 Wildlife Service.
- IMBD is now the premier education project of Environment for the Americas.



When is International Migratory Bird Day?

Birds don't migrate on a single day, so choose the date that works for you and the birds!

Who coordinates International Migratory Bird Day?

Environment for the Americas (EFTA)

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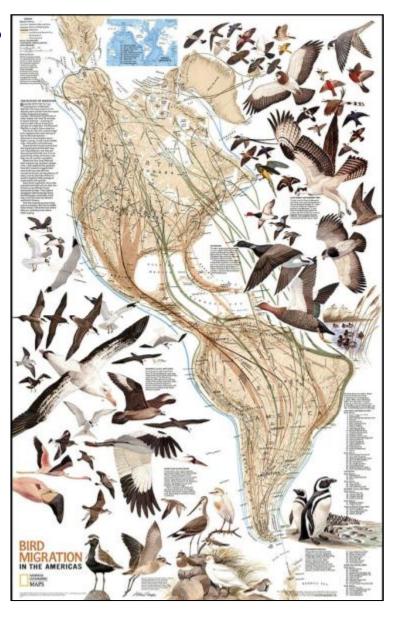
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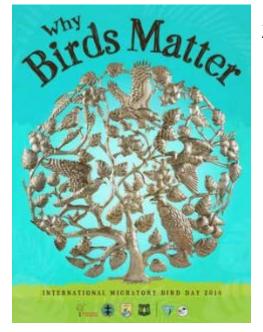
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Caribbean



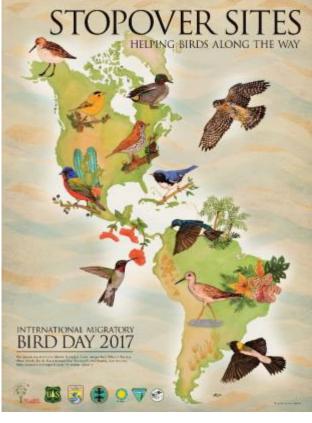
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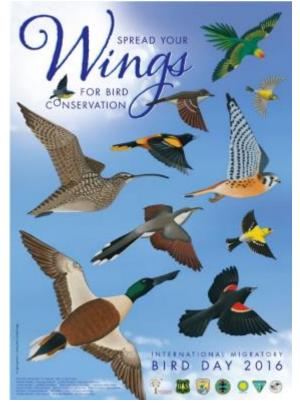
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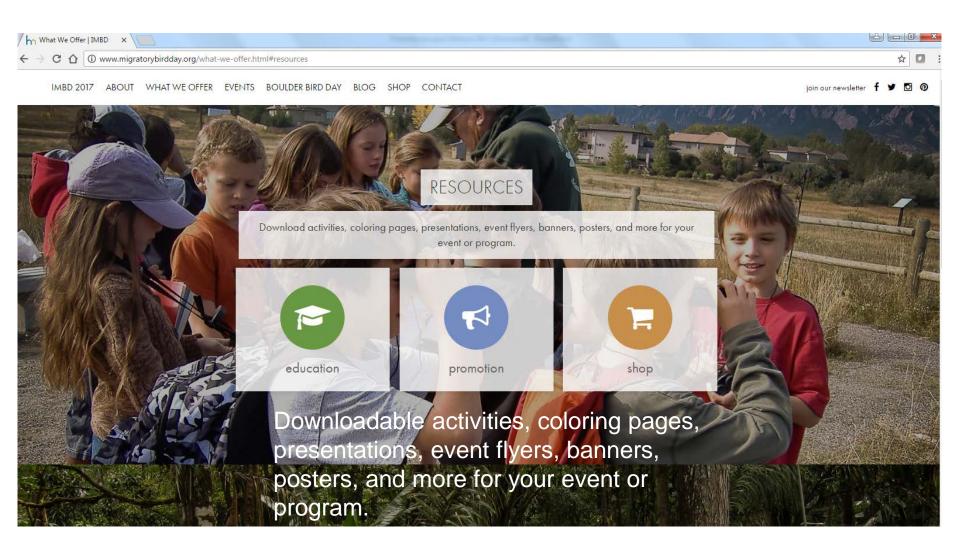


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www.migratorybirdday.org







Saturday, October 17th - 9am-1pm University of St. Martin

The Migratory Bird Festival is a free, public event where residents and visitors alike can see and learn about the migratory birds that travel thousands of miles each year to visit or upend the visiter in St. Martin. Those entaining birds connect the Americas with their incredible joueneys, and St. Martin plays an important role in their life cycle. This event features guided birding issues, multimodia presentations, a pertable pond aquate: inversidents activity, migratory bird-themed are activities and a bertiage tree socielling giventary. For more milk, visit https://www.leafminisdemer.com.

Guided Bird Tours
Migratory Bird Presentation
Portable Pond Aquatic Life Activity
Kids' Art Activities
and much more!











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Puerto Rico Jamaica



YEAR

Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival (CEBF)













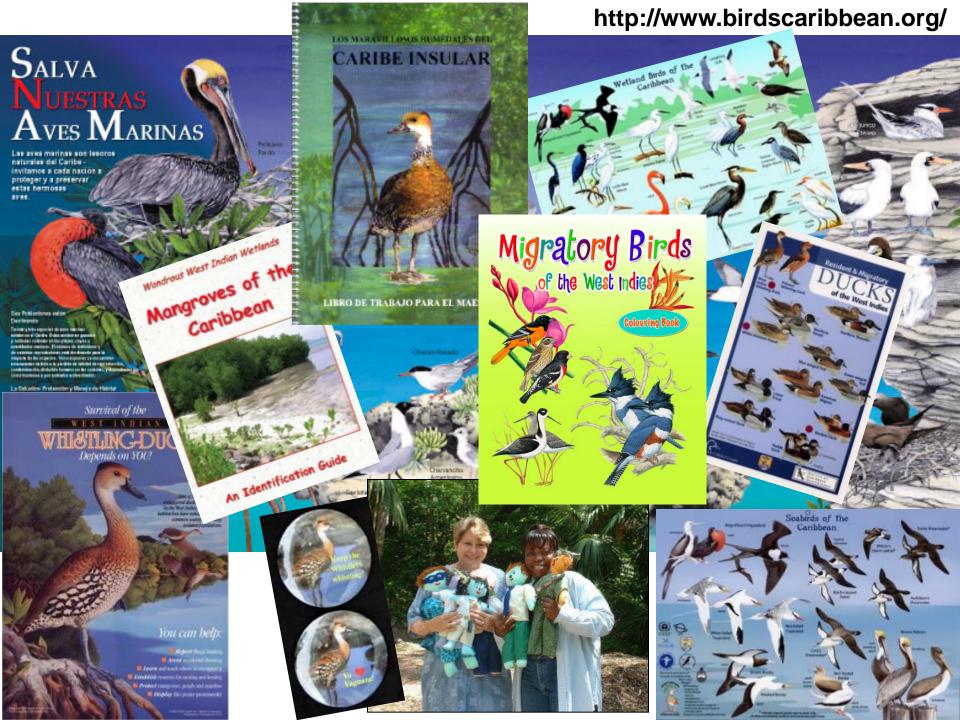




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Why are Caribbean wetlands so important?



Birds are excellent ambassadors for nature conservation

- Easy to observe, beautifully colored, endlessly fascinating behaviors.
- Part of our natural world that everyone can enjoy and appreciate
- Bird-watching (or "birding"), is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the US and around the world.









Recommendations

A. Identify Your Audience

Who do you want to engage?

- Families
- Youth
- Adults
- Scouts
- Diverse or Specific groups, such as physically limited people or senior citizens

B. Consider the Schedule

to avoid clashes

C. Advertising Your Event

- On-Line News
- Flyers
- Posters
- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Direct Invitation to Key Groups

- Scouts
- Seniors
- Schools
- Other Target Audiences

General Recommendations

How to engage people at your wetland site:

- Get people engaged in learning about birds, birdwatching, and bird conservation
- Increase participation in your activities overall
- Complement year round programs
- At first, host a simple bird-focused event
- Share a conservation theme that focuses your event and benefits birds

Event Recommendations

- ➤ 1st Year Event: Keep it Simple
- ➤ 2nd Year Events: Keep it Simple
- > 3rd Year Events: Add an Attraction
- ➤ 4th Year Events: Grow it!

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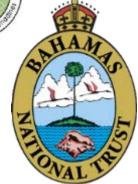












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