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Chirp it up! Enjoy International Migratory Bird Day at Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks

ALBUQUERQUE – A team of bird lovers have put together an enjoyable outing for birders in the local area for International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument on Saturday, May 15, 2004.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host Saturday's event with co-sponsors U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Migratory Bird Division, Public Lands Interpretive Association, Wild Birds Unlimited, Starbucks, and Hawks Aloft. Events are planned to include a bird walk, books for sale, environmental education games, booths, arts and crafts, birding talk (or chirp), and door prizes. Don't forget to bring your sunscreen, water, and bag lunch. Restrooms are available and children 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Bird Walk

Easy to moderate walk for 1 - 1 ½ hours. [.5-mile AD accessible.]

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Educational Booths

8:00 am – 11:00 am

Backyard Birding Talk (or Chirp)

11:00 am – 12:00

pm

Door Prize Drawings

12:30 pm

IMBD Ends

1:00 pm

International Migratory Bird Day celebrates the incredible journeys of migratory birds between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico and Central and South America. The event encourages bird conservation and increases awareness of birds through hikes, bird watching, information about birds and migration, public events, and a variety of other education programs.

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The BLM and its partners hope you join them in the celebration! There are many things you can do to celebrate IMBD in your own way.

Think of the possibilities...

- Take notice of the birds around you
- Point out these birds to someone else
- Create or improve habitat at home or school
- Wear an IMBD t-shirt
- Keep your cat indoors—helps cat and birds!
- Drink bird-friendly, shade-grown coffee
- Donate to a wildlife preservation fund or group
- Volunteer your birding abilities
- Participate in a bird count or study
- Donate your binoculars to Birders' Exchange
- Lead or attend a bird watching walk
- Teach students about migratory birds and IMBD
- Attend or host an IMBD festival

Remember: IMBD occurs on the second Saturday in May, but you can celebrate year-round! Come and get ideas to put on your own migratory bird day! For more information, please contact Pam Herrera-Olivas at 505.761.8700 in the Albuquerque Field Office.

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