

## International Migratory Bird Day 2004

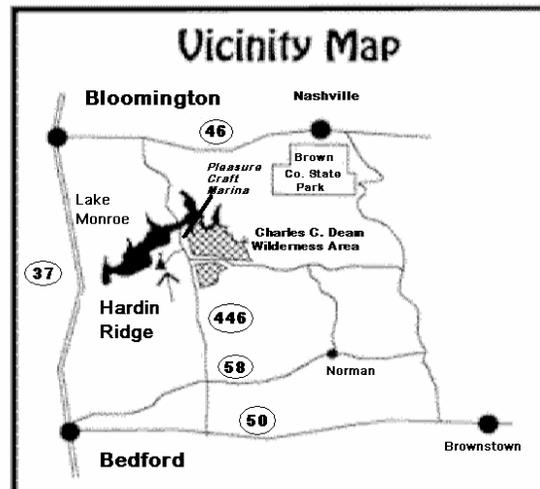
IMBD is a day to foster appreciation for the nearly 350 species of migratory birds that travel between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S. The Hoosier National Forest invites you to join us at a variety of programs designed to increase your knowledge of these important species and the habitats that are necessary for their persistence.

### Things of Note:

- ✦ All programs and birding trips are free, but there is a \$2 parking fee at Hardin Ridge Recreation Area. Be sure to tell the gate attendant you are with IMBD!
- ✦ Remember to bring your binoculars, field guides, and drinking water.
- ✦ Lunch can be purchased from vendors at the campground, or feel free to bring your own sack lunch.

### Additional Activities:

This celebration will center around craft and game booths designed to provide children with an enjoyable learning experience. Families will have the opportunity to build nest boxes, create bird feeders, design binoculars, identify birds from a birding blind, and participate in a number of games. This day truly holds something for everyone!



### For additional information, contact:

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[http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/events/Inter\\_migratory\\_bird\\_day.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/events/Inter_migratory_bird_day.htm)

### To Register For Boat Trip:

Please submit the following information via e-mail or phone to Cynthia Basile (cbasile@fs.fed.us or 812-547-7051):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

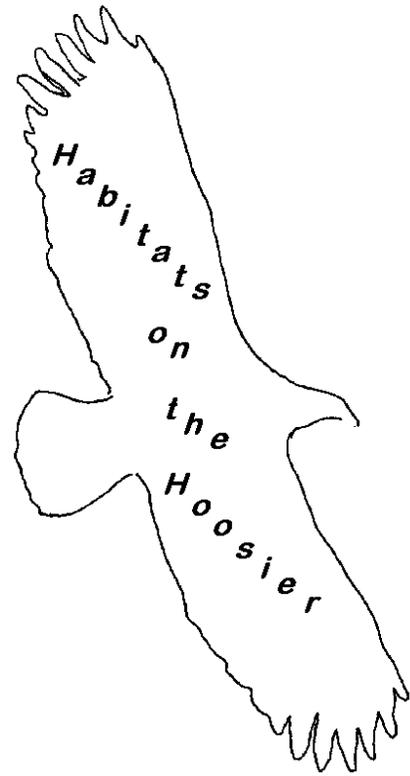
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Thanks to Our Program Volunteers

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***The Hoosier National Forest  
Presents It's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
International Migratory Bird  
Day (IMBD) Celebration on  
May 8, 2004 at Hardin Ridge  
Recreation Area.***

**IMBD Events: May 8 2004**

**Birding Opportunities:**

**Birding by Boat 7:00 a.m.**  
Begin the morning with Jeff Riegel, IDNR Biologist, for a 2-hour tour on Lake Monroe and around its shoreline. Bring your binoculars and meet at the Fourwinds Resort and Marina. Space is limited so pre-registration is required. See the back of this flyer for pre-registration information!

**Birding Hike 7:00 a.m.**  
Join Dan Leach and Jim Brown for a 2-hour moderate bird walk through the woods and along Lake Monroe. Meet at the IMBD registration table at Hardin Ridge Recreation Area and don't forget your binoculars!

**Family Bird Hike 8:00 a.m.**  
Cathy Meyer will lead a 1-hour moderate walk along the Hardin Ridge Interpretive Trail designed for all ages. So, be sure to bring your family! Hikers will meet at the IMBD registration table.

**Workshops:**

**Birds of Prey 9:30 a.m.**  
Susan Davis, Education Coordinator for Wildcare, Inc. will be presenting a program about the rehabilitation work this agency does with birds of prey. Special guest will include a Great Horned Owl, Screech Owl, and a Eurasian Barn Owl. Come learn more about this group and the important work that they do.

**Waterfowl ID 10:30 a.m.**  
Some species of Waterfowl are notoriously difficult to identify. And, many males may resemble females or are in various stages of molt. Kristen Chodacheck, IDNR Waterfowl Biologist, will lead this workshop aimed at teaching you what distinguishing field marks to consider when trying to identify these birds.

**Hoosier Hills 11:30 a.m.**  
Dan Shaver is the Project Director for The Nature Conservancy's Brown County Hills Project and will discuss this important community-based project which is aimed at protecting the largest block of forest left in Indiana.

**Lunch/Bird Calling Contest 12:30 p.m.**

**Early Successional Birds 1:30 p.m.**  
Clark McCreedy, Wildlife Biologist on the Hoosier, will discuss the status of early successional birds. Come increase your awareness of the habitat requirements and rich diversity of this group of species. And, learn about the surprising visitors that use these habitats.

**Indiana's Important Bird Areas 2:30 p.m.**  
The Important Bird Area (IBA) Program is a comprehensive effort to identify and protect essential habitats for birds. Learn more about the IBA in Indiana including migratory staging areas, winter feeding sites, and prime breeding areas from the IBA Coordinator, Alicia Craig.

**Nature Journaling 3:30 p.m.**  
Elisabeth Hasenmyer will lead this workshop designed to teach you an alternative way of appreciating and enjoying nature. Nature Journaling can heighten your outdoor experiences and enhance your ability to make accurate observations.

**Landscaping for Wildlife 4:30 p.m.**  
Learn how to create a lively yard full of songbirds, toads and frogs, butterflies, and other wildlife. Join Cathy Meyer, Naturalist for Monroe County Parks and Recreation, for a lesson in attracting and benefiting a variety of species by considering their habitat requirements for food, cover, and water.

**Prizes and Awards 5:30 p.m.**

**Owl Prowl 8:30 p.m.**  
Cynthia Basile, Wildlife Biologist on the Hoosier, will lead a moderate 2-hour hike to search out the birds of the night.