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International Migratory Bird Day Events Planned

Bedford, IN – April 11, 2004. The Hoosier National Forest will be hosting its second annual International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) Celebration on May 8, 2004 at Hardin Ridge Recreation Area.

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.

This year's events will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a 2-hour boat tour on Lake Monroe and around its shoreline. "The boat tour should be great fun, but space is limited so pre-registration is required." stated Cynthia Basile, the Forest Service IMBD coordinator.

Basile has designed the event so there are activities for all ages. "Come alone or bring your children. There will be opportunities to build nest boxes, create bird

feeders, design binoculars, identify birds from a birding blind and participate in a number of games.”

Some things to note:

- ❖ All programs and birding trips are free, but there is a \$2 parking fee at Hardin Ridge Campground
- ❖ Remember to bring your binoculars, field guides and drinking water
- ❖ Lunch can be purchased from vendors at the campground, or bring your own picnic lunch

The schedule of events and registration for the boat trip can be found at [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). For additional information, contact Cynthia Basile, 812.547.7051.

