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World Migratory Bird Day is aimed at conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) was first held in 2006. It takes place every year on the second Tuesday in May. The goal is to raise awareness for the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. Each year, on the second weekend in May, people around the world take action and organize public events such as bird festivals, education programmes, exhibitions and bird-watching excursions.

Find events on World Migratory Bird Day near you on the [official website](#).

### Why migratory birds need protection

Migratory birds fly hundreds and thousands of kilometres to find the best conditions for feeding, breeding and raising their young. The majority of birds migrate from northern breeding areas to southern wintering grounds. However, some birds breed in southern parts of Africa and migrate to northern wintering grounds. Or they fly to the milder coastal climates in winter. Other birds live on lowlands during the winter months and move up a mountain for the summer.

Migration is a dangerous journey. It involves a wide range of threats, often caused by human activities. Migratory birds depend on a range of sites along their distribution area. So the loss of wintering and stopover sites could have a dramatic impact on the birds' chances of survival.

Flying long distances involves crossing many borders between countries with differing environmental politics, legislation and conservation measures. International cooperation is required along the entire flyway of a species.

### Theme for World Migratory Bird Day

The 2016 theme is "Stop the illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds."



The 2015 theme was "Energy, make it bird friendly".

## Origin of World Migratory Bird Day

World Migratory Bird Day is held each year on the second Tuesday in May.

It was initiated in 2006 by the Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. It is an official United Nations observance.

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