

NAPLES ZOO

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National Bird Event Celebrated Locally at Naples Zoo

Naples, FL -- Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) Saturday, May 13 at Naples Zoo. Joining with over 500 locations across the country, this annual event highlighting the incredible journey of migratory birds is presented by three area National Wildlife Refuges: J.N. "Ding" Darling, Florida Panther, and Ten Thousand Islands. This year, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will also be present.

While supplies last, guests will receive free posters highlighting the beauty of North America's boreal forest and families will enjoy activities and learn about local birds. Guests can also see how to help migratory birds at their own homes at the Zoo's National Wildlife Federation certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

This year's national theme focuses on the 1.5 billion acres of boreal forest known as North America's Bird Nursery. More extensive than the Amazon and stretching from Alaska to Newfoundland, the Boreal includes one of the world's largest intact forests dotted with lakes, rivers, and wetlands. Billions of birds of over 270 species migrate long distances from their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America to the boreal forests where they nest and raise young.

Guests will also enjoy the Zoo and all the regularly scheduled events including the Meet the Keeper Series, Alligator Bay Feeding, and the Primate Expedition cruise plus the Zoo's two feature presentations: *Planet Predator* and *Serpents: Fangs & Fiction*. More information at www.napleszoo.com and www.birdday.org.

Naples Zoo is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This event is included with regular zoo admission of \$15.95 for adults and \$9.95 for children ages 4 to 15. Zoo memberships are also available.

When: Saturday, May 13, 2006

Where: Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens
1590 Goodlette-Frank Road (across from Coastland Center)

