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## Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with bird count at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve

Fort Myers, FL, April 21, 2016 – Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by participating in a bird count from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve - East, 10130 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers. The event is free and open to the public.

Participants will begin anytime after 8 a.m. and record their bird sightings. The preserve includes an ADAaccessible one-third-mile boardwalk and several miles of hiking trails through multiple habitats. Participants will return to the preserve parking area at 11 a.m. to share their sightings. This is a noncompetitive event.

"Although most migrating birds will have already migrated north from this area by early May, there is still an opportunity to observe some migratory birds," said Conservation 20/20 Land Manager Cathy Olson. "Resident bird species are also included in this event, so any bird observed will count."

No registration is required. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, and a notebook and pen for recording bird observations. Please wear closed-toed shoes appropriate for hiking.

Visit <u>www.Conservation2020.org</u> or call 239-204-1125 for more information.

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