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## **Take Flight at International Migratory Bird Day at the Zoo**

Nashville Zoo is celebrating all things avian at the sixth annual International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) Saturday, May 8. From 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Zoo will highlight the importance of birds throughout the world with activities, keeper talks and shows for the entire family.

IMBD celebrates the journey of migratory birds as they make passage between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Central and South America. Zoo guests can fly through educational stations to discover how birds navigate their way through various daily and annual challenges. Both kids and adults can enjoy comparing their “wing spans” to our feathered friends. There will be egg and feather displays, keeper talks and docent stations set up at many of our avian exhibits. The Zoo’s amphitheater will also host animal shows at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with an emphasis on partnerships with organizations involved in avian conservation.

IMBD is free with Zoo admission or membership. IMBD was founded in 1993 by a coalition of bird-minded organizations recognizing the need for a unified focus on the conservation of migratory birds. Zoos across the country celebrate IMBD, raising awareness for the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats and non-breeding habitats each year. For more information, visit [www.nashvillezoo.org](http://www.nashvillezoo.org).

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation, and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534 or visit our website at [www.nashvillezoo.org](http://www.nashvillezoo.org).

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