



## Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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# Media Advisory

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## *International Migratory Bird Day 2002*

**WHO:** The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP), United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Audubon Outdoor Club, and the Coastal Bend Audubon Society

**WHAT:** The CBBEP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Audubon Outdoor Club, and the Coastal Bend Audubon Society have joined together to celebrate *bird migration fever* on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Blucher Nature Center and Blucher Park**. International Migratory Bird Day celebrates the incredible journeys of migratory birds between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America. This event encourages bird conservation and increases awareness of birds through hikes, bird watching, information about birds and migration, public events, and a variety of other education programs. Join us in the celebration!

Here's the schedule of events:

**8:00 a.m. Blucher Nature Center (BNC) opens and shade-grown coffee served.**

**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Birding walks through Blucherville**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Exhibitors and activities at BNC**

**11:00 a.m. America's Birdiest City Count-up #1 on BNC porch**

**3:00-6:00 p.m. Youth teams turn in completed GTBC checklists**

**6:30 p.m. Reception for youth teams**

**7:00-8:00 p.m. America's Birdiest City Count-up #2 on BNC porch**

**WHEN:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Blucher Nature Center and Blucher Park,  
205 N. Carrizo (near the Downtown Library)  
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*Please see details about International Migratory Bird Day on the following page.*

International Migratory Bird Day Activities:

### ***Great Texas Birding Classic: Coastal Bend Challenge***

6 youth birding teams will end their day of birding competition with a reception at the Blucher Nature Center at 6:00 PM.

### ***Birdiest City in America***

This is a new event for Corpus Christi and will likely be very rewarding. In the past few years, San Diego and New York have had a friendly birding competition. The rules are simple: use all the birders you like, stay in the city limits, and find as many bird species as you can. This year that invitation was extended to other cities and the Gulf Coast is going to make a showing. This event will bring attention to the importance of our area as a major stopover habitat and migration corridor. Come out and catch the migration fever!

### ***Education opportunities***

Groups including Audubon and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will have information regarding migratory bird conservation.

### ***Guided bird walks***

The Audubon Outdoor Club will have their traditional Saturday morning bird walks at Blucher Park with checklists, the popular Great Texas Birding Trail maps, and a message board for the day's sightings.

Shade-grown coffee will be served and participants will receive free IMBD posters and stickers courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a goodie bag from the CBBEP, and much more.

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