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### **Ash Meadows Hosts International Migratory Bird Day**

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and Death Valley National Park are partnering to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) on Saturday, May 14, 2005 by offering a morning of learning and activities. The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the refuge office with an introduction to the area. From 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. participate in a beginning birding and biology lesson with Park Ranger Nancy Hadlock along the Crystal Springs boardwalk. Discover what birds are nesting along this .3 of a mile stroll. From 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. put your new knowledge to use and car pool to Peterson Reservoir to observe what water birds are migrating through the Amargosa Valley. To complete the morning, return to the Refuge office picnic area to express your artistic talents by creating your own bird to take home.

Participants should dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat and be prepared for any weather conditions. Bring water, sunscreen and a snack. Those who have binoculars and bird identification books are encouraged to bring them.

International Migratory Bird Day is an annual event to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation. The theme for IMBD 2005 is “Collisions—Clear the way for Birds,” which explores the hazards to birds from human structures and equipment. Biologists have long known that large numbers of birds are killed by colliding with power lines, towers, vehicles and glass windows. *“In our continuing effort to reduce issues that cause bird mortality, Ash Meadows, in cooperation with Valley Electric, is working to remove*

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*all non-essential power lines throughout the Refuge as well as reducing multi-lines to single-lines on all existing poles.”* explains Sharon McKelvey, Refuge Manager.

Located 22 miles from Pahrump off of Bill Copeland Memorial Highway and south of Beatty off of State Highway 373, Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge boasts a diversity of migratory birds with over 239 different species recorded. It is also the home of four native fish species including the endangered Devil’s Hole Pupfish protected in partnership with Death Valley National Park. Ash Meadows offers year-round nature-viewing for visitors.

For further information on the IMBD activities or Ash Meadows NWR, please contact Nancy Hadlock at 775/372-5435 voice mail message at 760/786-3226.

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