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A World of Birds —International Bird Migration Program on Saturday, August 15 at Fire Island Lighthouse

Patchogue, New York—Situated along the Atlantic Flyway, Fire Island is a major migratory pathway for birds during the fall. The annual count of migrating raptors and other large birds of prey begins by mid- September. Smaller shorebirds have already started their incredible journey. Have you ever wondered where they are all going? Park Flight Program international volunteer Pilar Velasquez Jofre, from Guatemala, will present a program on Saturday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Island Lighthouse.

Pilar's illustrated talk will examine the incredible journey that birds make along the Atlantic Flyway on their way to Central America. Get a brief history of ornithology, and learn about the bird research and conservation actions that are being taken in Central America that affect bird populations on Long Island. Get a first- hand perspective of the history of ornithology in Guatemala, and birds that you can find there. Learn about one interactive tool to identify the 725 bird species reported and places to see those birds. Learn more about Pilar's work this summer at Fire Island National Seashore.

If you have questions about the National Park Service Park Flight International Volunteers in Parks (IVIP) Program, contact Carol Beidleman, Park Flight Migratory Bird Program Coordinator, Biological Resource Management Division, at carol_beidleman@nps.gov.

For more information about the August 15 talk, contact Irene Rosen at 631- 687- 4765 or call the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society at 631- 661- 4876.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis.

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A World of Birds

Bird Migration to Central America

When: Saturday, August 15, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Island Lighthouse (parking is at RMSP field #5)

Every fall hundreds of species of birds migrate through Fire Island National Seashore; but where are they all going? Many of these birds head to Central America.

Come meet Fire Island National Seashore's International Volunteer, Pilar Velasquez, from Guatemala and learn all about:

- **GUATEMALA, CENTRAL AMERICA:** Brief history and biological aspects.
- **BIRDS OF GUATEMALA:** Brief history of ornithology in Guatemala, birds that you can find there, one interactive tool to identify the 725 bird species reported and places to see those birds.
- **RESEARCH:** What has been accomplished? What is being done?
- **CONSERVATION:** Protected areas and Important Bird Areas -IBAS- in Guatemala.

Have questions, bring them with you and learn about the world of birds.

For more information on this or other programs please contact the Office of Interpretation at 631-687-4765.

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