

Celebrating our Feathered Friends

UNITED STATES HOLIDAYS

Christmas Bird Count, Dec 15 – Jan 4

In 1900, ornithologist Frank M. Chapman, an early officer in the then-nascent Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition: a "Christmas Bird Census" to count birds during the holidays rather than hunt them. From Dec. 14 – Jan. 5 each year volunteers take part in the effort. Audubon and other organizations use data collected to assess the health of bird populations.

National Bird Day, January 5

In 2002 Born Free USA and the Avian Welfare Coalition launched the first annual National Bird Day in an effort to spotlight issues critical to the protection and survival of birds, both captive and wild, helping the world's bird species in danger of extinction.

National Bird Feeding Month, February

On February 23, 1994, Congressman John Porter from Illinois, read a resolution into the Congressional Record proclaiming February as National Bird Feeding Month, recognizing February as one of the most difficult months for wild birds. During this month, individuals are encouraged to provide food, water, and shelter to help wild birds survive.

Winter Holidays



Spring Holidays

Bird Day, May 4

Oil City, Pennsylvania Superintendent of Schools, Charles Almanzo Babcock, established Bird Day in 1894. This was the first holiday in the United States dedicated to the celebration of birds. Babcock founded the day to advance bird conservation as a moral value.

Int'l Migratory Bird Day, 2nd Sat in May

Originated by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and Environment for the Americas, this day serves to raise awareness about conserving migratory birds and their habitats throughout the Western Hemisphere, including Canada, the US, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

Celebration Activities to Plan

- Bird-watching
- Studying birds
- Educating others
- Bird adoption
- Bird-feeding
- DIY birding crafts
- Watching a favorite birding movie

