



MARION AUDUBON SOCIETY

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TO PARTICIPATE IN

The Cornell Lab

GLOBAL BIG DAY – Saturday May 5

Location: **Indian Lake State Forest**

8126 NE 58th Ave, Silver Springs

Meet at Bear-N-Oak Trailhead at **8:00 am**

How many birds can be seen in one day? That's the question that drives a 'big day,' a 24-hour birding binge that is fond tradition among birders. The current record for a single Big Day team is 431 species, set in Ecuador. Tradition birding 'big days' focus on a single team of birders BUT big question what if everyone in the world joined together for a **Single Big Day?**

Here are the results from 2017 the first Global Big Day

- 12,536 global participants; 8,840 participants in the Lower 48
- 5,827 species spotted in total. That number easily tops eBird's goal of 4,000. And, what's crazy is it's over half of the (approximately) 10,500 bird species that exist (and are known).
- 635 species spotted in the Lower 48. Out of the participating countries, Brazil came in first for the total number of species spotted, with 1,055 out of the country's 1,700 species being recorded.
- 468 species spotted by the top group, [Audubon de Venezuela](#). That's just over 8 percent of the total species spotted. Congrats!
- 5,000 Lesser Flamingos spotted, the most of any species counted. Rounding out the top five: American Flamingos (3,936), the Gray Gull (2,000 spotted total), Gray-headed albatross (700) and the Black Guillemot (650).
- 21 species spotted in the South Polar region, logged by two participants: Adina Scott and Lucy Zoo.
- 51 species were found in the Atlantic and Arctic oceans.