

Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial: 1916-2016

Our Midwest Team has been hard at work:

We have identified a full calendar of events in your backyards that we want to collaborate on. Here is a brief overview:

- ***State Fairs:*** Every Midwest state agency will feature the Centennial as part of their conservation displays in 2016.
- ***Migratory Bird Hunting Events:*** Six states plan to integrate key Centennial messages in youth and adult events and trainings.
- ***Bird Festivals/Meetings/IMBD:*** Every state has special events that can focus on Centennial goals.
- ***Bird Conservation Campaigns:*** Ideas range from Duck Stamp Sales and Art Contests to Lights Out Programs, Citizen Science, and Best Practices for Birds.



BIG EVENTS

- ❖ ***International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebrations in every Midwest state (May 2016).***
- ❖ ***Midwest Centennial Celebration in Chicago in August 2016 to increase awareness, stewardship, & public engagement in the next 100 years of bird conservation in our Midwest region!***

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Why Celebrate the Migratory Bird Treaty?

The year 2016 marks the centennial of the Convention between the United States and Great Britain (for Canada) for the Protection of Migratory Birds, signed on August 16, 1916. The four resulting Migratory Bird Treaties form the cornerstones of our efforts to conserve birds that migrate across international borders. Celebrating the Centennial of the first treaty allows us to honor federal, state, private, non-governmental, tribal, and international partners who share a long, successful history of conserving, protecting, and managing migratory bird populations and their habitats.



2016 Centennial Goals:

- **CREATE AWARENESS**
- **PROMOTE KEY ACTIONS**
- **INCREASE SUPPORT**
- **EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT... ALL FOR THE**
CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS