

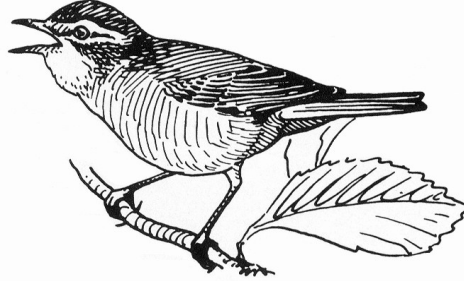
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## **CNHA Participates in IMB Celebration**

On May 8th and 9th, the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge attracted hundreds of visitors from across the nation and around the world to the annual International Migratory Bird Celebration.

Family fun included relay races, exhibits by artists and craftspeople, face painting and activities for children. The smell of popcorn lured children proudly clutching wooden birds they had painted and sporting brightly painted birds, turtles, flowers and even snakes on their faces.

The Chincoteague Natural History Association's (CNHA) table, staffed by volunteers, displayed many of the items available at the gift shop. Brochures were popular with visitors who expressed interest in the work of CNHA, and members had the opportunity to discuss the mission and accomplishments of the organization with visitors and local residents. Many who attended inquired about our wildlife refuge tours. The lighthouse was open for the weekend and many who took advantage of visiting it were delighted with the experience.



All in all, the cooperation between refuge staff, artists, organizations and volunteers combined to provide entertainment and education to those who visited Assateague Island over the Mother's Day Weekend.

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