



**Endangered Species Day
US Fish and Wildlife Service Activities in the Southeast Region**

May 16, 2008

Alabama: Daphne, Alabama Field Office will be holding a school blitz May 16. They will be going to celebrate and talk about endangered species with several local schools in the area. Contact – Rob Tawes

Arkansas: Conway, Arkansas Field Office is partnering with ECO (a nonprofit organization based in AR; <http://www.ecoconservation.org/4436.html>) and the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock to promote Endangered Species Day. The event is scheduled for May 9-10. They are expecting over 1000 school kids at the museum. Contact – Becky Hays and Chris Davidson

Florida:

Panama City: Panama City, Florida Field Office has coordinated a poster contest with 3 local schools. Activities began April 30 and run up to May 16, when winners will be announced and artwork displayed at a department store and local museum. Additionally, they held a tern – plover decoy painting event with local area school kids also, which ended in USFWS staff taking 24 students to Shell Island April 1st. Contact – Janet Mizzi and Lorna Patrick

Georgia:

Regional Office and Athens, Georgia Field Office will be making a school visit in Atlanta and holding a celebration at the Dunwoody Nature Center. Contact – Kelly Bibb

Warm Springs Fish Health Center, Warm Springs, GA is holding an endangered species coloring contest. Contact – Jacyn Zelko

Kentucky: Frankfort, Kentucky Field Office will be transplanting Short's goldenrod with help from the State and group of local partners. Contact – Mike Floyd

Louisiana: Lafayette, Louisiana Field Office is holding a joint event at Audubon Zoo, New Orleans with zoo staff Contact – Deborah Fuller

Mississippi: MS Museum of Natural History in coordination with Jackson, Mississippi Field Office will celebrate Endangered Species Day with a joint event; The MS FO will staff a booth with a new tabletop display entitled “Endangered Species Success Stories” featuring species found in Mississippi – the American alligator, American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, brown pelican, Mississippi sandhill crane, red-cockaded woodpecker and LA black bear. We will be handing out information, color sheets, word puzzles and be making bald eagle paper face masks. The MS ES FO is also setting up an interactive endangered species trivia quiz. And, Noxubee NWR will participate and are bringing a table top display about the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and will help at the booth. The museum’s scheduled “Creature Feature” programs will focus on endangered species for the day.

Place: Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, 2148 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202 -- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact – Terri Jacobsen

North Carolina:

Asheville, NC – high school kids and USFWS biologists will be boating along Appalachian elktoe habitat together; 2 high schools have been offered slots to participate and will be boating with FWS biologists. Contact – Gary Peeples

Pocosin Lakes NWR – an open house will be held on May 16 focusing on endangered species in northeastern North Carolina, including the red wolf. The event takes place from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Walter B. Jones, Sr., Partnership for the Sounds Visitor Center located in Columbia, NC. Contact – Wendy Stanton, PLNWR, or Kim Wheeler, Red Wolf Coalition

Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands: - Endangered Species Day will be celebrated on May 16 on the 4 main National Wildlife Refuges (Culebra NWR, Vieques NWR, Cabo Rojo NWR, etc) in the islands. There will also be a Puerto Rican crested toad event. Contact – Carlos Pacheco, Marelisa Rivera, and Lilibeth Serrano

South Carolina: Charleston, South Carolina Field office will combine their Endangered Species Day celebration with their event for International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 10th. The event will be held at Caw Caw County Park in Ravenel, South Carolina. The location has resident woodstorks so that will be one of the endangered species that is featured during that event. Their event is also featuring walks at Folly Beach County Park where the piping plover and nesting sea turtles occur and will be a focus. Contact – Jennifer Koches