

Upcoming & Recent Bird Activities

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10th Global Big Day 2024 Highlights

Global Big Day is a 24-hour celebration of birds organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. May 11, 2024, marked the tenth annual event and it was a resounding success with several records broken in terms of checklists, countries, participants and bird species. The number of photos and audio recordings submitted to the Macaulay Library was at an all-time high.

Birders from 203 countries participated, more than ever before in a single day. Over 1 million people have now shared their bird observations on eBird, emphasizing the platform's impact on birding and scientific research.



Global Big Day in summary:

- 1.2 million people identified birds with Merlin Bird ID—the most ever in one day, doubling last year's Global Big Day participation through Merlin!
- 156,000 eBird checklists submitted.
- 63,220 birders from 203 countries—more countries participating than ever before.
- 7,725 species reported.
- 82,550 photos shared with the Macaulay Library
- 4,820 audio recordings shared with the Macaulay Library

Colombia led the species count with an astounding 1,526 species recorded, followed by Peru (1,428 species) and Brazil (1,201 species).

Table: Summary by State, Malaysia

Region	Species	Rank	Checklists	Rank
Sabah	293	1	44	1
Selangor	108	4	29	2
Johor	147	2	18	3
Pahang	127	3	16	4
Kuala Lumpur	51	7	14	5
Kedah	102	5	10	6
Penang	55	6	6	7
Sarawak	15	11	2	8
Perak	35	8	1	9
Putrajaya	29	9	1	10
Negeri Sembilan	20	10	1	11

Malaysia was ranked 3rd among Asian countries in terms of species with 441 species. 144 checklists were submitted making us number 9 on the leader board for checklists. Javan Myna, 480 individuals recorded, was the most numerous species. Asian Glossy Starling was number 2 with 400 individuals recorded.

The event fosters community and encourages a shared passion for birding. Participants of all ages, from seasoned birders to beginners, can participate.

Mark on your calendar for the next **Global Big Day is on 12 October 2024.**



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