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Hello, Mothlovers or Moth-ers!

Celebrating National Moth Week 2021!

Every year, the world over **National Moth Week** is celebrated during the last week of July (17 - 25) 2021. This is basically to create awareness about moths who are cousins of butterflies and have 10 times similar environmental benefits as that of butterflies. During this week, citizens are encouraged to set up light sheets in their backyards and document moths of their locality. On the occasion of National Moth Week, coordinated locally by the iNaturewatch Foundation, we are organising Mothing events at our project sites. Will you be interested in participating this year? If yes, here is what exactly you need to do...



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Equipment:

White bedsheet, 225 Mercury Lamp, Metal/Ceramic holder for lamp and a connecting wire.

Activity:

Participants will take photographs of the moths visiting light sheet and share them atiNaturalist where they will be identified by experts. It needs to be set up where there is a bit of wilderness.

Note:

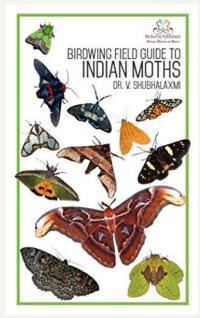
- Light sheets need to set up after sunset and should be switched off before sunrise.
- Photograph moths that visit the light sheet. Take close up shots.
- New moon night is the best time when you get better results.
- Do not disturb, kill or mishandle the species.

Register your event here



Identification and Documentation:

Participants can refer to iNaturalist site or Birdwing Publishers: Field Guide on Indian Moths by Moth Lady Dr. V. Shubhalaxmi Field Guide. The data acquired will be a documented and further upload onto the INW or Indian Biodiversity Portal.



 $https:\!/\!indiabiodiversity.org/group/National_Moth_Week$



Participate in National Moth Week 2021 on IBP

July 17-25

This National Moth Week
upload your observations of
moths on the India Biodiversity
Portal to stand the chance of
winning a copy of the excellent
Birdwing Fieldguide to Indian
Moths by Dr. Shubhalaxmi, and
other prizes.



Last year owing to pandemic we celebrated this NMW 2020 virtually, But this is the first time we at iNaturewatch Foundation are organising Mothing Events at all our Eco-system Restoration project sites to celebrate Moth Week, i.e., Mumbai, Navi-Mumbai, Kalyan and Hyderabad.

Through this event, we aim to educate people about the conservation of these species and their importance to our ecosystem. We aim to educate the public about the importance of citizen science data and why one needs to assess moths diversity.



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Upcoming Mothing Events



Taloja Hill, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai

Dates: 17 July 2021

Time: 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Venue: Taloja Hill, Opp Nisarg Hyde Park, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Admission fee: Free

Group Leader: Dr. V. Shubhalaxmi



SGNP, Khindipada, Mumbai

Dates: 18 July 2021

Time: 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Venue: SGNP, Mulund Range, Khindipada, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Admission fee: Free

Group Leader: Ms Priti Choghale



Achari Kunta Lake, Hyderabad

Dates: 19 July 2021

Time: 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Venue: Achari Kunta Lake, Venkatraya Nagar, Bachupally Mandal, Nizampet Village, Hyderabad,

Telangana India. **Admission fee:** Free



Ambivli Biodiversity Park

Dates: 20 July 2021

Time: 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Venue: Ambivli Biodiversity Park, Kalyan, Thane district, Maharashtra, India.

Admission fee:Free

Group Leader: Mr Suhas Gosavi

Schedule:

6.00 p.m. : Setting up of Light sheet

6.30 p.m.: Introduction

6.45 p.m. : Virtual Presentation on Indian Moths on Facebook & Instagram

7.30 p.m. : Study of Moths on Light Sheet

8.30 p.m.: Quiz on Moths

9.00 p.m. : Photography of Moths

9:30 p.m. : Conclusion

It is completely safe for all age groups (except nobody to touch electrical wires and bulb). This activity is known as " **Mothing**".







Register here for all above events

If you are still thinking of buying the copy of Field Guide to Indian Moths, book now till the stock last. The last very few copies are left. So grab it now

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Till we meet next...Be Safe | Be Calm | Be Blessed!

Kind regards, Team Birdwing























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