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# **Upcoming Eco Days**

# August 30: International Whale Shark Day

The first International Whale Shark Day was observed in 2008 at the Isla Holbox International Whale Shark Conference. On August 30, whale sharks and their awesomeness are honoured on International Whale Shark Day. The



enormous fish, which can grow up to 60 feet in length from the moment of birth, also happens to be the world's largest species of shark. The calm, gentle nature of the whale shark is well known. It can be found in waters as deep as 3,000 feet, but it often prefers to swim in shallow seas. These elements make whale sharks quite accessible for fishing. They have been used for their meat and fins by people. The population

of the fish has dropped by at least 50% as a result of the whale shark market. The giant has now been added to the list of endangered species, which is a worrying development. Because plankton is one of the main food sources for whale sharks, their diminishing numbers also indicate that the entire marine ecosystem is in risk.

**Celebrate International Whale Shark Day** 

## **Celebrating National Moth Week 2022**

"As the night falls, there is an emergence of the denizens of dark dynasty"



The National Moth Week celebration honours the beauty of moths, their life cycles, and their habitats throughout the course of a week. Moth-ers of all ages and expertise levels are discovering, observing, and documenting moths in their backyards, parks, and neighbourhoods.

We have started the Caterpillar Rearing Project, which provides our young explorers a glimpse into the world of the inhabitants of the dark dynasty, The Moths. The Schools are actively participated in this fantastic project and embracing the opportunity to learn more about this fascinating insect.

India's First Field Guide To Indian Moths, published by BIRDWING PUBLISHERS and written by Dr. V. Shubhalaxmi, will be awarded to the school with the most life history data.

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#### Month of the Moth



Monkey Moth



Dudusa nobilis

#### The month of July honours moths' beauty, life cycles, and habitats.

An ecosystem's health can be determined by a species or taxon known as a bioindicator. Moths are one such taxon. An increase in moth diversity is usually accompanied by an increase in plant species, which in turn results in an increase in the diversity of other species. They are significant food sources for many nocturnal AND diurnal creatures, and they can aid in population monitoring of food plants. The general perception of moths is that they are uninteresting pests. But it is unquestionably not the case. The majority of moth species either have no effect on human life or may play a significant role in ecosystem processes like pollination. The patterns and colours of many moths are actually quite fascinating.



### BIRDWING PUBLISHERS Field Guide To Indian Moths by Dr. Shubhalaxmi

#### India's 1st Field Guide for Indian Moths

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