

# Doing Justice Being Peace

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Monthly Newsletter



**International Migratory Bird Day** on May 11 emphasizes the importance of insects along bird flyways and in nesting areas. Birds rely on insects for energy, particularly during crucial stopovers. Preserving habitats like forests, grasslands and wetlands are necessary for the success of bird migrations and the health of their offspring.



Plants are essential for life on Earth, supplying 80% of our food and 98% of the oxygen we breathe. **International Day of Plant Health** on May 12 underlines the need to safeguard plants. Invasive pests and diseases, often spread via transporting cargo across borders cause harm to natural and agricultural areas, impacting both human and environmental wellbeing.

May 15, **International Day of Families**, focuses on the pivotal role families play in combatting climate change. As climate-related disasters increasingly disrupt lives, sustainable habits are imperative. Teaching future generations to minimize waste and be mindful about consumption can cultivate an eco-friendly culture that nurtures and cares for our common home.

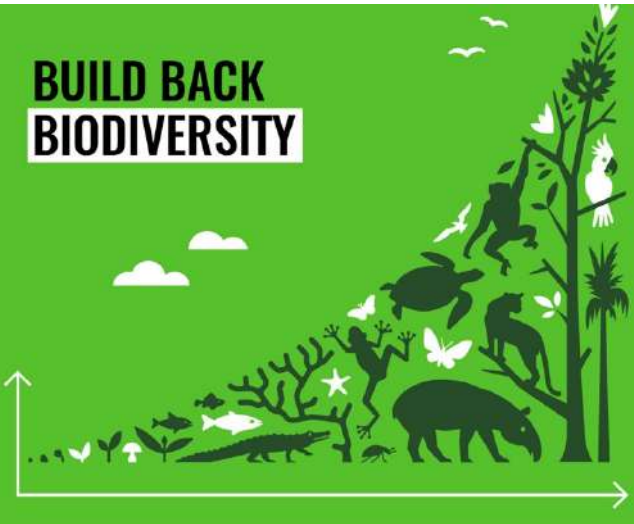




Pollinators play a critical role in the reproduction of over 85% of the world's flowering plants and two-thirds of crop varieties. However, they face severe threats from habitat loss, toxic pesticides and climate disruption. In recognition of their undeniable

value, May 20 is celebrated as **World Bee Day**. The 18<sup>th</sup>-century Slovenian pioneer of modern beekeeping, Anton Janša, greatly admired bees for their industrious, hard-working nature and their ability to thrive with minimal attention and upkeep.

## BUILD BACK BIODIVERSITY



Biological diversity or biodiversity is the bedrock of all human civilizations. The coexistence of an assortment of plants, animals and microorganisms in specific ecosystems – ranging from meadows to mangroves and jungles – are essential to ensuring the flourishing of all forms of life, humans included. Many species are currently at risk of extinction – giraffes, oak trees, parrots, cacti and even

seaweed. May 22, **International Day for Biological Diversity**, promotes the protection of biodiversity, the prevention of species loss and the restoration of damaged and degraded ecosystems.

*Each creature speaks of God,  
and in its existence  
it declares the glory  
of the Creator*

*~St. Gertrude of Nivelles*

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