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# News Release



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## **Public Invited to the Great Backyard Bird Count at Pahranaagat NWR**

**LAS VEGAS** — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Red Rock Audubon Society are teaming up for the Great Backyard Bird Count, and the public is invited to help. The count will take place at the Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an opportunity for experienced and novice birders alike to team with thousands of citizen scientists throughout the world who will be counting birds in their own backyards between February 17 and 20, 2012. Many of these bird watchers will travel to their favorite spots for the count, including national wildlife refuges, national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, or urban parks.

Those wishing to participate in the bird count at the Pahranaagat NWR are asked to assemble at the Upper Pahranaagat Lake covered picnic area at 9 a.m. on February 18. The count is schedule to end at noon. Participants will conduct a group bird count with assistance from Service staff and Audubon Society members. Birders are encouraged to bring water, snacks, and binoculars. A limited number of binoculars are available for those needing to borrow a pair.

Those unable to take part in the count at Pahranaagat can record their own backyard bird observations and enter the information on the Great Backyard Bird Count website at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

For more information, contact Sierra Willoughby by telephone at (775) 725-3417 or via email to [Christopher\\_Willoughby@fws.gov](mailto:Christopher_Willoughby@fws.gov).

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The Pahrnagat NWR was established on August 16, 1963 to provide habitat for migratory birds, especially waterfowl. The wildlife refuge is located approximately 90 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. 93 in Lincoln County, Nevada. Situated along the Pacific Flyway, Pahrnagat's 5,380 acres contain lakes and marshes — a rare sight in this part of Nevada.

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