

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week and join *The Big Sit!*



**Sunday, October 12, 2008
8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Patuxent Research Refuge
National Wildlife Visitor Center**

The Big Sit! is an annual, international, noncompetitive October birding event hosted by *Bird Watcher's Digest* and founded by the New Haven (CT) Bird Club. The National Wildlife Refuge System has adopted it as an activity for National Wildlife Refuge Week.

The idea is simple - we'll identify a 17 foot diameter circle near the National Wildlife Visitor Center, set up chairs and binoculars, and identify as many birds as we can. You're welcome to join us on October 12 for all or part of the day (8:00 am to 2:00 pm)!

The event is FREE and open to the public!

Bring the family - we'll have activities for kids!

No special equipment or experience is needed, but bring your binoculars and a field guide if you have them!



Feel free to bring your own lawn chair and snacks!

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Rt. 197, just south of Laurel, MD. If you have any special needs please contact us at least two weeks prior to the event so that we may accommodate you. For additional information call (301)497-5763 or visit us on the web at <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

For more information about The Big Sit! visit
<http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/site/funbirds/bigsit/bigsit.aspx>

"It's like a tailgate party for birders."