

1st Annual EARTH DAY BIRDING CHALLENGE

Save the Date: ***Saturday April 24, 2010***

Midnight to Midnight

Sponsored by ***Friends of the Desert Mountains***

What is it?

- A friendly 24-hour birding competition/fundraiser to support the Friends of the Desert Mountains, various Audubon Societies and Bird Clubs, Preserves, Parks, Conservancies and other conservation organizations throughout southern California
- Teams compete to identify as many bird species as they can in a 24-hour period by sight or by sound in the four counties included in the *Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail*: Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, and San Diego. ABA "Big Day" rules apply.
- All competing teams report to the finish line at the Monument Visitor Center in Palm Desert between 6pm and midnight.
- Different competitive and non-competitive categories will be available such as: "sand to sea" (multiple counties – trophy category), "single county," "single site," "big sit" (one spot), "on foot", "golf courses only", and youth. Fun for all ages!
- All participants will pay a nominal entry fee and accept pledges to raise monies for their selected causes - ultimately benefitting wild birds and the habitats they live in! Youth are free.

How to sign up:

Online registration coming soon!

Contact anyone at the Friends of the Desert Mountains office

and ask to be put on mailing list. **(760) 568-9918**

Or email Tammy at **tmartin@desertmountains.org**.