

Events That Inform and Inspire

Our Events

Les Fruits de Mer uses free, public events to get people in touch with local natural and cultural heritage. Our aim is to both inform and inspire persons of all ages and backgrounds. We start with a key location and theme for each event, and build an engaging experience around that, incorporating science, the arts, culture and fun. Each event is a unique moment in time for exploring St. Martin's heritage, but also a gateway to further investigating and enjoying what the island has to offer.

While each event is unique, typical activities include guided tours to learn more about the wildlife, ecology or history of the island, art activities for children, a public-service component such as trash clean-up, and workshops to learn skills like photography or animal identification.

Migratory Bird Festival

First held in September 2013, this festival is one of 500 events in the Americas celebrating the migratory birds that unite the hemisphere as part of International Migratory Bird Day. Over 200 guests attended the festival to take guided tours of the Mangrove Discovery Trail at Étang de la Barrière, draw and sculpt in clay, and improve their wildlife photography skills at this unique wetland site. The 2nd edition of this event is scheduled for October 11, 2014.



Birds and Bugs

Preparations are currently underway for the first Birds and Bugs event, to be held in December 2013. The event will focus on the birds and invertebrates that inhabit the tropical broadleaf forest on the island. The birds are a mix of local species and overwintering migrants, and the insects include many locally-endemic species. The hillside broadleaf forest of St. Martin is the last remaining habitat of its kind in the islands of the Anguilla Bank (Anguilla, St. Martin and St. Barths).



Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival

This festival takes place throughout the Caribbean, and celebrates the unique bird species that live here and nowhere else in the world. Although there are no bird species that are endemic to St. Martin alone, the island is host to numerous species and subspecies that are found only in the Caribbean. During the bird walk celebrating this event in 2013, over 10 locally-endemic species were seen by attendees during a hike through scrub habitat. This event is scheduled for April 26, 2014.

