

MIGRATION - Birds

Most birds migrate with the seasons to survive. Every year millions of birds fly trillions of miles.

Stories of Migration are on the RSPB website. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/natures-home-magazine/birds-and-wildlife-articles/migration/>

Use coloured pens/pencils to create a key and mark out on the map where some of the birds we see in the UK migrate from and to. Remember to add the colour to the key as well as the map.

Swallows –	Osprey –	Godwitt-	Blackcap –
Ducks –	Geese -	Starlings –	Add more birds you find out about below



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Some migrating birds leave before our winter and return in our spring.

Question. Name some birds that come here in the winter?

Answer

Question.

Answer

Question. Which birds eat as they fly?

Answer

Question. Which bird needs to fatten up before a nonstop flight of 6,300 miles from Alaska to New Zealand?

Answer

Question. Some birds are changing their habits and stay in the UK in the winter. Which birds? Why would they do this?

Answer

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Question. Migrating Birds face barriers. Which of these do you think is the toughest barrier to overcome?

- Lack of food to fatten up before going
- The great distance and nowhere to stop
- The weather
- Humans

Answer

Human made Barriers to Migrating Birds

Mark the Mediterranean as a barrier on the Map

What makes the Mediterranean region a barrier for migrating birds?

Use the internet to find out some facts. Chris Packham the Wildlife TV presenter is very involved in the campaign and he is a good place to start -

<https://www.discoverwildlife.com/animal-facts/chris-packham-on-maltas-spring-hunt/>

Challenge - Write a persuasive article to read out to the rest of the class about why birds should have free passage across Malta.

Think about why, who and what creates the barrier and what might persuade them to change their ways.

To be persuasive you must research the facts and tell the reader how special some of the different species of birds are to the ecosystems and what might happen if they become extinct.