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Teacher Sheet: Migration Obstacles ✓Fledglings

Answer the following questions about bird migration.

1. What is migration?

Migration is when a living thing travels from one place to another, usually to find food, shelter, or find a mate and breed.

2. Birds migrate by using the sun as a guide. Can you name 3 other ways birds migrate?

Birds also observe the stars at night, use features such as mountains, coastlines, and rivers, and use the earth's magnetic field.

3. What are five obstacles birds face during migration?

- Predators such as cats
- Pollution
- Pesticides
- City buildings and bright lights
- Windows
- Cell phone towers
- Storms
- Wind turbines
- Development
- Exotic species

4. How could you reduce the dangers to birds?

Create bird friendly habitat in your schoolyard or backyard; put up bird feeders or bird baths; put up silhouettes on windows to help birds avoid flying into windows.

5. Why do you think it is important to protect birds?

Birds play an important role in the ecosystem balancing out insect populations serving as natural insecticides and helping pollinate native plants. They are also great indicators of the quality of the environment and can help scientists and citizens learn about the natural world. In addition to opening the doorway to scientific discovery, it is fun to listen to and watch birds.