ACTIVITY SHEET 1

A Bird, a Map, a Migration Story

✳ Choose a bird and use the Bird Migration Explorer to learn about its migratory journey.

CHOOSE A BIRD!

1. Go to the Bird Migration Explorer home page: explorer.audubon.org

2. Click "Bird Species."

3. Choose one of the bird names below and circle it.

Swainson's Hawk   **Tundra Swan**

4. Now type the name of the bird you've chosen in the white search space in the Explorer. Be careful to spell it correctly. When the name pops up below, click it.

EXPLORE THE MAP!

Do you see what's happening on the map? The moving dots represent the bird you've chosen. The marker at the bottom of the map is moving through the months of the year.

5. Check out the map key on the right side of the screen. What does it tell you about the green and blue shaded areas on the map?

   The green area represents _____.

   Describe where the green areas are _____.

   The blue areas represent _____.

   Describe where the blue areas are. _____.

EXPLORE THE MIGRATION!

The moving marker at the bottom of the map tells you where the birds are at different times of the year. You can click in the white circle to freeze and restart the marker and the map.

6. When are most of the birds in the northern part of their range?

   Months: _____

7. When are they moving south?

   Months: _____

8. When are most of the birds in the southern part of their range?

   Months: _____

9. When are they moving north?

   Months: _____

10. If you wanted to see these birds in June, what country and region of that country would you go to? Be as specific as possible. You can zoom in on the map to get a closer look.

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    _____
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    What do you think the weather is like there in June?

    _____
    _____

11. If you wanted to see these birds in January, what continent and country could you go to?

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12. What do you think the weather is like there in January?

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13. Imagine you want to tell a friend about this bird. Write a short story describing the bird's migration. Be sure to include details about the bird itself and about the places it passes through as it migrates north and south each year.

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