



## ACTIVITY SHEET 2

# Birds Here, Birds There



Choose a location and use the Bird Migration Explorer to learn about the birds that spend time there.

### CHOOSE A PLACE AND SEE CONNECTIONS

1. Go to the Bird Migration Explorer home page:  
explorer.audubon.org
2. Click "Locations."
3. Where do you want to look for birds? Try one of these:  
your town or city; your zip code; the name of your neighborhood; even the name of your school. Type the location in the search area. When the correct name of the place appears below, click it.

What location did you choose?

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4. When the map appears, you'll see a spot outlined in white. That's your location. The other shaded spots on the map represent places where birds that have traveled through your location have been re-encountered. Darker shading means more species at that location.

Do you see the list of countries in the column on the left? Those are the countries in the Western Hemisphere that are connected to your location by migrating birds. How many species connect your location to other locations in the United States?

\_\_\_\_\_ species

### SEE THE BIRDS THAT CONNECT US

5. Now try this: Place your cursor over your location but don't click! You'll see that you can stretch a line from your location to any other place on the map. When you stretch it to a shaded spot, the map will tell you how many tagged birds have traveled between those two locations. It's all about connections!

When you stretch a line and click, the Explorer freezes the line. The column at the left tells you the location and shows which species connect that location to your location. Try it! Stretch a line from your chosen location to another shaded spot on the map and click. (You can zoom in and out on the map to see more spots or to see an area close-up.)

What place did you connect to?

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6. How many tracked birds and how many species connect your location to the location you connected the line to?

\_\_\_\_\_ birds \_\_\_\_\_ species

7. What bird species connect your location to that location?

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8. Now try this. Find the shaded spot that is farthest away from your location on the map and click to connect it to your location. Where is that faraway location? (Zoom in and out if necessary.)

Continent: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Place or region: \_\_\_\_\_

What bird or birds make that trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Click a bird that makes that long migratory journey to choose it. Write a short description of this bird's summer range shown by the green shaded area on the map.

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Why do you think this species travels to the blue shaded area for the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

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### EXPLORE MORE!

10. Keep exploring with the Explorer. There's a lot to discover! Choose different birds in the same location. Change locations and check out the birds that spend time there. Compare what you see with what you saw for other locations.