

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR TEACHERS

Migratory birds provide a wonderful context for interdisciplinary lessons. Many of the resources below contain lessons appropriate for art, social studies, and reading as well as math and science.

[**Flying WILD: An Educator's Guide to Celebrating Birds**](#)

Published by the Council for Environmental Education, this guide introduces students to bird conservation through standards-based classroom activities and environmental stewardship projects. Flying WILD encourages schools to work closely with conservation organizations, community groups, and businesses involved with birds to implement school bird festivals and bird conservation projects.

[**BirdSleuth Curriculum Kits**](#)

Developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, BirdSleuth provides teachers with several inquiry-based modules that can be used as stand-alone units or be completed sequentially. Each module can be used in conjunction with one or more of the Lab of Ornithology's Citizen Science projects. There is a charge for most of the modules, though one (*Investigating Evidence*) is downloadable for free.

[**Cornell Lab of Ornithology**](#)

Many [educational resources for K-12 students](#) in urban or rural landscapes exist here. Lessons and programs appropriate for physical as well as biological sciences included.

[**Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center**](#)

The SMBC offers online games and activities for students.

[**Environment for the Americas**](#)

An organization that provides information and materials about birds, bird conservation, and bird education from Canada to South America. EFTA provides a plethora of resources for educators via the [Avian Index: a Bird Education Resource Directory](#).

[**One Bird- Two Habitats**](#)

Developed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a 3- to 6- week environmental education unit for middle school students, this resource uses migratory birds as a theme to address the interconnectedness between the people, wildlife and forests of Wisconsin and Central and South America. It includes many lessons appropriate for art, language arts, math, science, social studies and Spanish classes.

[**One Bird- Two Worlds**](#)

With lessons adapted from **One Bird-Two Habitats**, this Minnesota-based science curriculum uses migratory birds to explore the connections between Minnesota and Costa Rica.

Interdisciplinary middle school lessons

The Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative Middle School in Lincoln, New Hampshire developed a 2-week interdisciplinary unit on Neotropical migratory birds. Contact [Jackie Wilson](#) if you would like to receive files of these lessons.