



World Migratory Bird Day

Saturday May 9th, 2020



Let's Celebrate the Birds

Happy Friday Home Explorers! I'm keeping this one short - I just wanted to let you know that tomorrow is the World Migratory Bird Day! Woohoo. This day is centered around raising awareness about migratory birds and their importance to our planet! Birds' ability to fly make it so they can travel the world to find the resources they need to feed and lay eggs. Look at some of the links below and most importantly go out there and watch some birds and give them lots of air hugs! Remember we have an entire [Home Explorers about Backyard Birds!](#)



ACTIVITIES!

1. Join Bird Day Live with lots of activities and storytelling about birds: <https://www.birddaylive.com/>
2. Go Birding! More information [here!](#)
3. Thank the first bird you see after reading this. It may have been here all winter, or it may have just flown a very long distance!

Thanks for conducting science with me for this Home Explorer activity from Umpqua Watersheds Education Program.
Join me for new activities posted every week!

- Ms. Robyn



AMAZING JOURNEYS

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Each year after the nestlings have **HATCHED** and **FLEDGED** from the nest, Purple Martins begin their **MIGRATION** from **NORTH AMERICA** to their wintering grounds in **SOUTH AMERICA**. Thousands and thousands congregate in large **ROOSTS** in **BRAZIL**, over **5,000** miles away! Purple Martins in Brazil actually roost in **URBAN AREAS**, generally in clumps of **TREES**. Martins will undergo a yearly molt while in Brazil, where they **LOSE** their feathers and **GROW** brand new ones. This helps to rid them of **PARASITES** and also allows them to get rid of any **DAMAGED FEATHERS**. Can you help these martins make their **AMAZING JOURNEY** from their home in Erie, Pennsylvania to their **ROOST SITE** in Brazil?