



Bye Bye Birdie...

In the Western Hemisphere, about 200 species of birds are migratory. The reason that they migrate is because they most likely evolved to increase successful breeding and reproduction. Birds that winter in the southern hemisphere travel to northern regions seeking food supplies that are widely available during longer summer daylight hours. Hormonal signals activated by changes in weather, length of day, and food supplies stimulate return to wintering sites.

Species that migrate include:

- birds that need open water for feeding, such as ducks, geese, herons, sandpipers, plovers
- birds that eat insects, such as warblers, swallows, and thrushes
- birds that hunt animals that hibernate or migrate, such as hawks, kites and vultures

IDENTIFY THE MIGRATORY BIRDS:

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| A. Crane | E. Goose | I. Heron | M. House Wren |
| B. Hummingbird | F. Killdeer | J. Oriole | N. Osprey |
| C. Pelican | G. Red-winged Blackbird | K. Robin | O. Sparrow |
| D. Spotted Sandpiper | H. Warbler | L. Whippoorwill | P. Woodpecker |



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Answers: 1-O 2-P 3-J 4-H 5-F 6-M 7-L 8-G 9-D 10-K 11-E 12-C 13-I 14-A 15-N 16-B