

# Journey Home-A Migration Study

1. What does migration mean?
2. Why do animals migrate?
3. What helps migrating animals find their way?
4. Why are populations of many animals declining?
5. Study one creature that migrates.
6. Do a craft or creative project about the creature you studied that shows one or more of the stages of their migration.

## Helps

1. To travel from one place to another.
2. To escape cold weather, to find food, to find a safe or more hospitable place to have young.
3. Star patterns, Earth's magnetic field, landscape features, chemical clues, somethings we don't even understand.
4. Lack of nesting/breeding habitat, lack of stop-over habitat, lack of wintering habitat, lack of water, pollution, wetland drainage.  
3, 4, and 5 are not exhaustive lists. You can find more information online, at the library, or in these books on migration: *Migration* by Mike Unwin and Jenni Desmond, *Where Animals Go* by James Cheshire and Oliver Uberti, *The Journey* by Cynthia Rylant.
5. Monarch butterfly, whales, sea turtles, and salmon are some that are commonly known but the list is long. Check with nature buffs in your area, you may find something more specific to your region that would be especially fun for your Adventurers to watch and perhaps be able to observe up close and personal like the Sand Hill Cranes in the Lodi area.
6. Look online for ideas, there are so many possibilities.