

Birds and Their Habitats



Bill

(bill)

Definition: A wide or long beak on a bird such as a duck

Example: A bird's *bill* can come in many different shapes and sizes.



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Burrowing

(bur·row·ing)

Definition: To make a hole or passage in, into or under something. To live in a burrow.

Example: The burrowing owl makes a hole in the ground called a burrow and lives there all year round.



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Chickadees

(chick·a·dees)



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Flutter

(flut·ter)



Definition: To flap the wings rapidly; fly with flapping movements.

Example: The hummingbird *flutters* its wings so quickly they are a blur.

Grassland

(grass·land)



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Habitat

(hab·i·tat)



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Huddle

(hud·dle)



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Hummingbird

(hum·ming·bird)



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Migration

(mi·gra·tion)

Definition: The action of a large group of birds, animals, or people moving from one area or country to another

Example: Every winter the geese take the same *migration* path to their northern home.

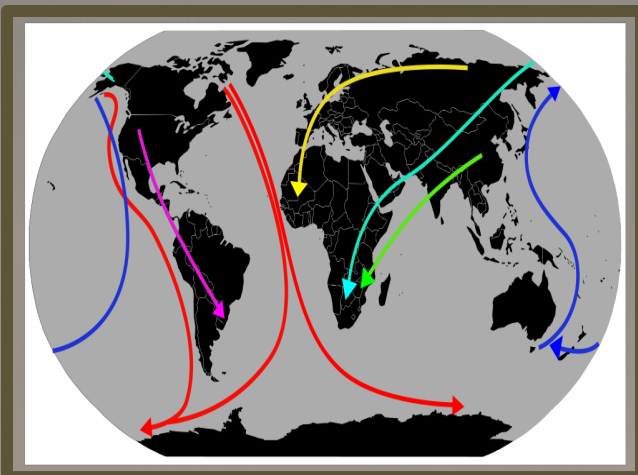


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Parrot

(par·rot)



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Pigeons

(pi·geons)



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Rafters
(raf·ters)



Seabird

(sea·bird)



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Toucan

(tou·can)



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Swallow

(swal·low)

Definition: A kind of small bird that is known for their swift graceful flight and for the extent and regularity of their migration.

Example: A common bird found in most places is the *swallow*.



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