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What is Migration

Birds migrate to survive and thrive across seasons.

DEFINITION

> Migration is the seasonal movement of birds from one place to another. They travel to find food, suitable weather, and breeding grounds.

KEY CONCEPTS

Seasonal Movement

Birds migrate at specific times of the year, usually in spring and fall.

Breeding Grounds

Many birds migrate to specific locations to lay eggs and raise their young.

Food Sources

Migration helps birds find food that is not available in their original habitat during certain seasons.

Navigation Skills

Birds use the sun, stars, and Earth's magnetic field to navigate during migration.

Types of Migration

Some birds migrate long distances, while others may only move short distances.

EXAMPLES

→ Swallows fly south for winter.

→ Geese travel hundreds of miles to find warmer climates.

→ Hummingbirds migrate to avoid cold weather.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'Migrate = Move' to link migration with movement.

★ Use the acronym 'FIND' for Food, Ideal weather, Nesting, and Distance.

★ Think of birds as 'travelers' to remember their journey.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing migration with hibernation, which is a different survival strategy.

✗ Assuming all birds migrate long distances when some only move short distances.

✗ Forgetting that not all birds migrate at the same time or distance.

QUICK RECAP

Migration is the seasonal movement of birds to find food and breeding grounds. Birds use navigation skills to travel long or short distances, depending on their species and needs.