

## Sky Hunters Environmental Education



### **Bird Migration Commuting on the Wing**

Have you ever wondered where birds go or where they come from when the weather changes? The puzzle of migration has fascinated humans as far back as Aristotle, about 2300 years ago. He correctly identified the seasonal appearance and disappearance of birds as a migratory movement. He theorized some birds disappear for the winter by seeking a hiding place where they exist in a torpor state, hibernating until spring. Sky Hunters will dispel this myth and discuss why some birds migrate, while others adapt to climate changes and prey base selection. We will include a discussion of the importance of habitat preservation and wildlife corridors, and explain how thermals and wind currents help birds migrate.

**Audience: All ages**

**California Science Content Standards for grades K-6**

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