

# **Children's Books about Birds and Birdwatching**

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*Adopted by an Owl - The True Story of Jackson the Owl* by Smith van Frankenhuyzen, Robbyn. (the true life story of Jackson, a great horned owl and how he came to live at a farm. An activity book for children can be downloaded from the Sleeping Bear Press website.)

*An Egg is Quiet* by Aston, Dianna.. Chronicle Books: San Francisco, 2006.

*Beaks!* by Collard III, Sneed B.. Charlesbridge: Watertown, MA, 2002.

*Big Woods Bird: An Ivory-bill Story* by Terri Roberts Luneau (endangered birds)

*Birdfeeders* by Renee Schwarz (give your students the opportunity to attract backyard birds for closer study and observation)

*Birds Build Nests* by Winer, Yvonne. Charlesbridge Publishing: Watertown, 2002.

*Birds in your Backyard* by Herkert, Barbara. Dawn Publications: Nevada City, 2001.

*Birds of Prey Rescue* by Pamela Hickman (raptor conservation projects are highlighted: the problems they face and the groups of people giving them a helping hand)

*Birdsongs* by Franco, Betsy. Margaret K. McElderry Books: New York, 2007.

*Bird-watcher* by David Burnie (loads of simple activities and science experiments to do with backyard birds)

*Eagle & Birds of Prey* by Jemima Parry-Jones (anatomic details of raptors inside and out)

*Eagles* by Deborah Hodge

*Everything You Never Learned About Birds* by Rebecca Rupp (variety of bird science projects, stories, background information)

*Feathers for Lunch* by Ehlert, Lois. Harcourt Brace & Company: San Diego, CA, 1990.

*Flute's Journey: The Life of a Wood Thrush* by Lynne Cherry (breeding, migratory and wintering ground dangers)

*I See Animals Hiding* by Jim Arnosky

*Little Loon and Papa* by Buzzeo, Toni. Dial Books for Young Readers: New York, 2004.

*Loons: Diving Birds of the North* by Love, Donna.. Mountain Press: Missoula, MT, 2003.

*Magpie's Nest*

*One Day in the Woods* by Jean Craighead George

*One Wings Gift* by Joan Harris (about an eagle injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill)

*Owl Moon* by Yolen, Jane. Philomel Books: New York, 1987.

*Owls* by Adrienne Mason (owl bodies, owl flight, owl hearing and owl sight)

*Owls: On Silent Wings* by Ann C. Cooper (full of activities students can do to assist their understanding about owls as well as other birds of prey)

*Owly*. Illustrated by Mike Thaler and David Wiesner

*Red Knot: A Shorebird's Incredible Journey* by Nancy Carol Willis (dangers on migratory pathways)

*She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!* by Kathryn Lasky (grassroots conservation in action)

*Song for the Whooping Crane* by Eileen Spinelli; Illustrated by Elsa Warnick, 2000. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. Michigan (introduces the behavior, habitat, migration of Whooping Crane)

*Take a Bird Walk* by Jane Kirkland

*The Boy Who Drew Birds* (a children's book on John James Audubon)

*The Far-Flung Adventures of Homer the Hummer* Reynolds, Cynthia Furlong. (story of one hummingbird's journey from Costa Rica to Michigan and his adventures along the way - publisher provides free educational guides to accompany the book that can be downloaded from their website [www.mittenpress.com](http://www.mittenpress.com))

*The Girl Who Danced with Cranes* (need for wetland conservation)

*The Journey: Stories of Migration* by Rylant, Cynthia. Blue Sky Press: New York, 2006.

*The Least of These* by Joan Harris

*The Legend of the Loon* by Wargin, Kathy-jo. Sleeping Bear Press: Chelsea, MI, 2000.

*There's an Owl in the Shower* by Jean Craighead George (introduces the dilemma between the needs of humans and the needs of wildlife)

*When Agnes Caws!* by Candace Fleming (endangered birds)

*Who Killed Cock Robin?* by Jean Craighead George