

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)

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