

Shorebirds

A Compare and Contrast Book

Not to be confused with seabirds or waterbirds, shorebirds can be found anywhere from the ocean to the mountains. They'll be on the shores of, or in marshes and grasslands near, the ocean, rivers, or lakes. These mighty migrators travel back and forth between summer breeding grounds and non-breeding grounds. Some shorebirds travel to and from Tierra del Fuego to the Arctic each year! They have special "rest stops" during their migration where they eat and rest for the remainder of their trip. They may dig a nest into the shore's sand, mud, or rocks. Each shorebird has a unique bill to find its specific food. Learn how these fascinating birds are alike and different in this latest title in the Compare and Contrast series.

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The For Creative Minds interactive, educational section includes:

- Match the Adaptations
- Mighty Migrations
- Shorebird Nesting
- Help or Hurt?

Areas of interest: Migrating shorebirds follow regular migration routes with routine stops (or rests) along the way:

- Atlantic Flyway: all coastal states
- Pacific Flyway: CA, OR, WA, ID, NV, UT, AZ & NM
- Central Flyway: MN, WI, MI, IA, IL, IN, MO, KY, TN, AR, MS, LA, MT, ND, SD, NE, KS, OK, & TX

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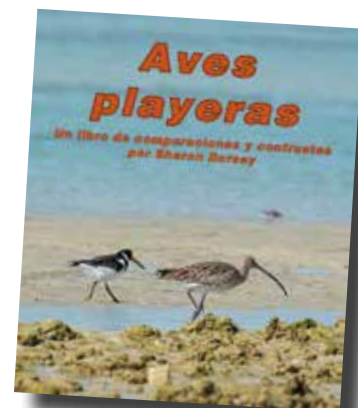
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Curriculum Connections (NGSS)

1. LS1.A: Structure and Function: All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water, and air. *Relevance: The book details the physical adaptations of wild canines, such as large paws for walking in snow, sharp teeth for hunting, and their heightened sense of smell and hearing, all of which are tied to their survival in various habitats.*
- 2-LS4-1: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity: Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. *Relevance: The book is a compare and contrast guide that allows students to observe and compare different shorebirds in various habitats.*
- 3-LS4-2: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity: Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. *Relevance: The book discusses variations among shorebird species, such as differences in plumage and bill shapes, which can be tied to survival advantages.*
- 3-LS4-3: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity: Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all. *Relevance: The book provides information about how shorebirds adapt to different habitats, which can be used to discuss survival in varying environments.*
- 4-LS1-1: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes: Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. *Relevance: The detailed descriptions of shorebird anatomy and their specific adaptations for feeding, nesting, and migration align with this standard.*

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