

What do I need?

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Coloured felt

Scissors

Glue gun* or strong glue

Large paper clip

*Glue guns get very hot, so please get help from a responsible adult if you are using one



What do I do?

Look at page 2 to learn about World Migratory Bird Day. Can you name a bird which migrates between Britain, Spain and Morocco? Hint: we have a worksheet about it!

Cut out the templates on page 3.

Trace wing templates A and B onto one colour of felt and bird templates C and D onto another colour and cut them out. You can use whatever colours you like, but if you need inspiration just take a look outside at the birds and see what colours their feathers are!

Trace and cut out the circle templates onto some black felt for the eyes and the triangle templates onto some yellow felt for the beak.

Preheat your glue gun and position your felt pieces so that A and C are facing opposite templates B and D.

Use your glue gun to stick A onto C in line with the wing and the same with B and D.

Now stick an eye and a beak on both bird halves.

Apply some glue to the insides of both bird halves and place your paperclip inside so that two-thirds of it is sticking out from the bottom of the bird. Stick the two bird halves together with the paperclip inside.

Now you can use it as a bookmark by sliding the paperclip onto a page so your felt bird is sitting nicely on top of your book.

world migratory bird day



World Migratory Bird Day is an annual campaign to raise awareness of the world's migratory birds and the threats they face. It aims to encourage people to work together to protect the birds and their native habitats around the globe.

As each part of the world sees different species of migratory birds at different times of the year, learning how to protect migratory birds is important all year round! However, celebrating World Migratory Bird Day is a great way to set up and run local events and activities to educate communities about the birds specific to their region.

For gardeners, migratory birds are very important to the biodiversity and health of gardens and green spaces because they help to keep pest numbers down. Migratory birds are also a wonderful indicator of the changes in the seasons - something we can use to help us when planting seasonally! Many migrations are spectacular to watch and observe, such as the swallow murmurations that take place in Britain.



Many bird species undertake incredible migrations of thousands of miles every year to find the best conditions for breeding and feeding and certain times of the year. They generally favour more temperate climates, where it's neither too hot nor too cold. Sadly, several species are under threat from human activity that disrupts their migration. Common threats include loss of habitat due to construction and climate change affecting food availability.

If you want to learn more about what you can do to protect the migratory birds in your area, see:

www.worldmigratorybirdday.org



