



THE MIGHTY MiGRANT



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Aboriginal people have a strong and continuing connection to the landscapes, waterways and seascapes of Victoria. Their deep understanding of how to care for these places is really important for keeping the habitats of migratory animals healthy. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of these places, and we thank them for caring for Country. We pay our respects to them, their cultures and to their Elders.

We play, learn and live on the lands, and in the waters, of the vibrant living nations on Earth. We promise to walk gently, respectfully and with kindness wherever we go.



A cold, dry wind blows across the tundra.
Thankfully, I'm wearing a hat with holes,
and insects still agree to let me to share my
marathon flight to Victoria B.C.!

...nothing
isn't quite
right.

Where's my nana napin?
AND WHERE'S MY DINNER?!

Whispers from the Spring
of food going missing, stinky
muffins and my nana dogs
disappearing. Who better
to investigate the case than me,

**RUSTY, THE LATEST
RED-NECKED SHIRT DETECTIVE!**





"Hey! Buzzy! Where's your map and compass?" says my friend.
"I don't need those things, pal. I've a hunch I can show
and my internal compass to show me how!" I yell back,
as the little brown carrier me up, up and away.

A muddy red ship appears at the halfway point.
Every happy traveler needs a break and a drink.
I cut through the city air, swirling down to level
Buildings and boats pop up in front of me.



GRUNGE, RUMBLE, GURGLE.

It pokes my head into the mud— no milkshake here.

The soggy shells lie slumped.

The place for me to have a solo act.



NOPE. NOTHING TASTY IN THIS SLOTTED MUD.—

I flip open my notebook:
notebooks and journals were
crucial to me.



I'm...goun-
tired...

IM SO
HULLING!!!

How can
we fix this?

Are we
there yet?
yet!!!



"Kids, gather round.
I am Rusty the detective.
I'll find out how
to make our nest stop
travelling again!"





Light sparkly waves crash below me.
Animals there might know how to make habitat healthy
Just through the ocean air, sailing about on land.
Flat shiny bodies pop up in front of me.

"Hi, I'm MaMa the Humpback
Whale. I visit Australia during
the cool winter months."

Can they see the flower
ALL THE WAY
from the bottom?" I say.





What might have been the reason, as I flip
my stomachs open? It couldn't stay
strong and not stop this year. So you
know how I could make it healthy again?
What's the best way for a moment.

"Many of our great grandparents disappeared because gangs around Australia have made our home a marine sanctuary. Our families are protected every time we come home, so we have moved safely to another destination through our migration."

AMERICA

NOYSE PLIP

A REALLY REALLY REALLY VERY VERY LONG LONG LONG WAY

A stylized illustration of a whale breaching the ocean. The whale is dark grey with a white patch on its belly. Its head is above the water, and its tail is high in the air. The ocean is a teal color with white splashes. In the background, a small boat is visible on the horizon.

"Humans also help us by keeping their boats away and by putting their disturbing nets and lines in the bin, which gives us space to move and feed and play," Wade says.

I think Wade and
Iy will be more
effective work.



A stylized illustration of a bird, possibly a flycatcher, in flight. The bird has a grey body with black spots, a white head, and a long, thin beak. It is flying over a stream that flows through a forest. The trees are represented by large, rounded green shapes, and the stream is a light blue line. The background is white.

Using shady forested areas
Redstarts, like many other forest
birds, make habitats healthy



I cut through the slip air,
twisting down to land.
A small farmers market
pops up in front of me.

An illustration of a garden scene. On the left, a tree with a brown trunk and green leaves has a yellow sign hanging from a branch that reads "SUPER SEEDS!". Below the tree, there are five small brown pots, each containing a green seedling with two leaves. A grey bird with a long beak and speckled chest stands on a wooden fence in front of the pots. On the right, a sloth hangs upside down from a tree branch, wearing a dark blue hooded cloak. The background is a light blue sky with a large yellow sun partially obscured by the tree's branches.

SUPER SEEDS!

"Hi, I'm Kate the Flying Fox. I woke up early today to get to work before dawn. What are you and where are you visiting from?"

"Hi! Rusty and I have flown all the way from the desert," I say.

"What's migration, but never that far?"



Hate might have something, as I flip my notebook open. "I couldn't stay at my usual nest this year. Do you know how I could make it healthy again?" Hate thinks hard for a moment.



"Humans have helped us by protecting this whole forest, so that we have lots of places to shelter and food! We can get sick when it gets extra hot, so they gave us some sprinklers to help stay cool!"



"They also provide some structure for us, and protect many patches of forest along the coast. This means we can safely travel up river and back," Paul says. I thank him and then repeat a tiny poem before flying on.



a windy beach gullery below me
I consider how to make my next steps
heading again I worry that my summer
home might be a gone missing one
But wait, what's that up ahead?



"Our human friends from around the world
had to work together by setting up [RAMSAR SITES](#).
They keep our habitat healthy," says Beady.

"Buddy, you should spread the word about Ramsar!
These rules could offer the flying protection!"



**WELCOME
TIRED
TRAVELLERS!**

**SAFE
PLACE TO
NEST!**

**DELICIOUS
CRATERS
TO EAT!**

**RAMSAR
PROTECTED!**



Alright humans, listen up.
I'm Rusty the Raven and with
a little help from my migrating
friends, I have the scoop for you!
You been digging for clues on
how humans can make this world
wide open. We found out that
humans need to respect our
space, protect our homes,
connect our real wings and
work together.



Human folks can help my feathered friends by following Bannock rules to protect and care for wildlife. In your local Bannock tradition, you can help by keeping your playful pups on a leash so we can run in peace. You can also plant trees, pick up rubbish and keep nature clean.

Humans have need to be good partners with their northern hemisphere neighbours. Remember, you can pave the way for safe habitat corridors and crossings. Bannock makes the dream work!

"Was being the
best marked bird
distraction and
this flying was
in itself!"



Why do animals migrate?

Many animals migrate (they travel) from one habitat to another to look for food, better conditions or mates. Migration is different from other types of movement where animals find new permanent homes. Instead, migration happens seasonally and requires animals to make a return journey. These journeys can be made by land, sea or air, and often involve travelling together in large numbers. Many types of animals migrate, and some of these animals appeared throughout the story.

Humpback Whales

Humpback whales can migrate up to 10,000 miles per year. They spend winter feeding on cold ocean waters, before heading north during the summer to warmer waters to mate and give birth.

These whales migrate because their feeding grounds and their breeding grounds are very different. Adult humpback whales feed in the tropics at the bottom of the water column. They feed by the open mouth, sucking up water. Young humpback whales migrate to feed up a layer of fat to keep them warm, as they need to be born in places where the water is relatively warm and warm then they can build up their fat layer in the Southern Ocean for winter.



Grey-headed Flying Foxes

Grey-headed Flying Foxes can migrate up to a million miles per year! They roost along the east coast of Australia for the summer and then return to the Great Barrier Reef in February or March of the next year. Some have been found as far as northern Argentina and the other poles of the world, New South Wales and Queensland.



Red-necked Stilts

Red-necked Stilts weigh about the same as you! They live for more than twenty years of their life in each year. They spend the summer months along the coast of Australia, where they eat as much as they can to build up more fat reserves. When the weather starts to cool down, they migrate to the winter beaches to breed and lay their eggs.

The feather colour of Red-necked Stilts change throughout their migration journey to the non-breeding season offshore. Australia, the feathers on their wings sometimes are a grey colour. During the breeding season, some of the feathers on their heads, chests and belly turn red.

Red-necked Stilts are just one of the many birds that use the Red Sea. Australia's flying to Great South a certain again.



What is the East-John Australian Highway?

Highways connect highway interchanges two point road by highway route. These highways also include overpasses where one stops and continues their way to their destination. The East-John Australian Highway connects across many countries that share an identical landscape and climate. A highway between almost two billion people within the highway which means that we are used to not experiencing a roadblock together to protect the habitat of migrating birds. One of the ways that we can work together to protect habitats is by signing the Nature Agreement.

The East-John Australian Highway



What is Nature?

The Nature Agreement is a plan to protect important wildlife around the world. Australia and 100 countries who have signed the agreement. There are 10 Nature sites in Nature which provide important habitat for many species. Nature will be used by world to help protect and improve the environment. Nature is important and the development that goes with it. Nature encourages and encourages cooperation in sustainable development and use of wildlife to protect the planet. The goal is to protect the planet by taking the importance of wildlife and using it along with your friends and family. Taking your nature home after you visit, taking your dog on a walk, taking the world to protect the planet, and taking your nature home after you visit.





Red-necked Divers might be big,
but they're migratory marvels.
Every year, they soar from Victoria
to the Arctic and back again.
But, they can't fly this distance alone.
**How can we make sure migratory
birds always have safe places
to rest and refuel?**

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