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## BIRDS GOTTA FLY— "MIGRATION OF BIRDS" TELLS WHERE AND WHY

How do birds find their way across thousands of miles of land and water during spring and fall migrations? Which bird has the longest migration journey? Why do some birds fly at altitudes as high as 29,000 feet?

These are some of the questions discussed in a new book, Migration of Birds, published by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Migration of Birds is an updated version of a classic work by Frederick C. Lincoln, originally published in 1935. The 120-page color book contains information on many aspects of bird migration, including routes, patterns, and times; influence of weather and topography; origin and evolution of migration; how birds navigate; and techniques used by scientists for studying migration. It is illustrated with color drawings by the noted Fish and Wildlife Service artist, Bob Hines.

Lincoln's original book was meant to present to the American public a summary of the facts on bird migration as they existed in the early 1930's. He wrote with a style that made the topic fascinating to the young and the old, to the educated and the uninformed, and to the ardent observer as well as the backyard watcher. An attempt has been made to preserve this style in the updated version, while incorporating material from technical research efforts. Much of the content and organization of the original publication have been maintained, but new sections were added to incorporate recent concepts and techniques. Other concepts, known to be inconsistent with present knowledge, have been deleted. Most of the original figures have been preserved, and new illustrations added. The book also contains a bibliography for those interested in pursuing the subject further.

Migration of Birds is available for \$4.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The order number is S/N 024-010-00484-3.

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