

Wings Over the Wetlands



A Video Activity Sheet

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Activity Sheet

As you view the film, answer the following:

1. How many birds frequently visit the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary area?
2. What major body of water do the birds have to fly over to get to Louisiana?
3. What two things do the barrier islands do for us?
4. How many times a year do the birds fly to Louisiana? In which seasons?
5. What does the term "migration" mean?
6. Why do the birds have to stop in this area?
7. When does a "fallout" occur?
8. Has Grand Isle ever been a part of the "fallout" area?
9. Why are trees planted in the BTNEP?
10. Why did Congress pass laws to prohibit the killing of some birds?

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11. What was DDT used for?
12. How was it harmful?
13. Why was DDT outlawed in the early 70's?
14. Where does the Coastal Louisiana Bird Trail begin?
15. Name four birds you heard mentioned in the video.



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1. How many birds frequently visit the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary area? **400 different species of birds visit the BTNE area.**
2. What major body of water do the birds have to fly over to get to Louisiana?
The birds fly over the Gulf of Mexico.
3. What two things do the barrier islands do for us? **Barrier islands:**
 - a. **protect us from storms**
 - b. **are a habitat for birds**
4. How many times a year do the birds fly to Louisiana? In what seasons?
Birds fly to Louisiana twice a year; in spring and fall.
5. What does the term "migration" mean?
Migration means when living things periodically move from one region to another; they need a place to rest.
6. Why do the birds have to stop in this area?
The birds have just flown over the Gulf of Mexico and are extremely tired and hungry.
7. When does a "fallout" occur?
A Fallout means when some type of weather condition makes hundreds of birds to land in a certain area.

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8. Has Grand Isle ever been a part of the "fallout" area?
Yes, Grand Isle has been part of the fallout area.
9. Why are trees planted in the BTNE?
One reason trees are planted is so birds can have a place to rest and nest after their long flight across the Gulf of Mexico.
10. Why did Congress pass laws to prohibit the killing of some birds?
Hunters were killing all species of birds and causing some animals to become threatened or extinct.
11. What was DDT used for?
DDT was used as a pesticide to get rid of insects.
12. How was it harmful?
DDT traveled up the food chain and bioaccumulation occurred, which caused the birds to die.
13. Why was DDT outlawed in the early 70's?
DDT was outlawed because it was killing the birds.
14. Where does the Coastal Louisiana Bird Trail begin?
The birding trail begins in the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary.
15. Name four birds you heard mention in the video. **Answers will vary.**