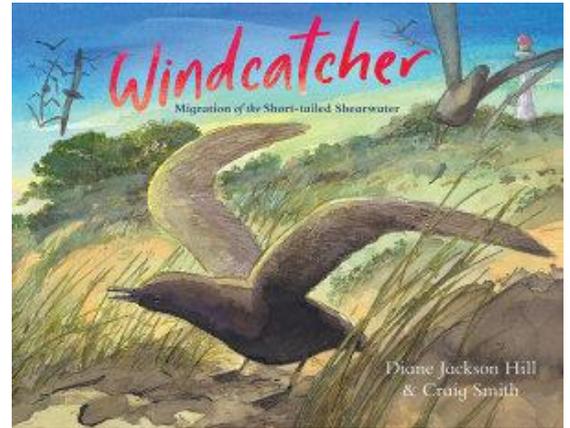


Windcatcher

Migration of the Short-Tailed Shearwater

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Learning Intention:

We are learning about the migration of the shearwater.

Success Criteria:

I can explain what migration is.

I can list some of the dangers faced by the birds when they migrate.

Pre-reading (pre-viewing) questions

Before reading, listen to the sound recording of the short-tailed shearwater:

<https://www.xeno-canto.org/species/Ardenna-tenuirostris> (You will need to scroll down to the bottom of the screen)

What is migration? What pushes an animal to migrate?

Watch the video recording of Mrs Callcott reading *Windcatcher*.

Post-reading (post-viewing) questions

The shearwaters' round trip from Australia to the Arctic Circle and back again is around 30,000 km, so they must have adaptations to help, in their marathon flight. Can you suggest some features of their body that help them?

How can humans help migratory animals, like short-tailed shearwaters, to survive?

Activities (Choose one or more to do)

Read the following information about bird banding on the Australian government's website <https://bit.ly/2yDMava> and write a summary about why bird banding is helpful.

Short-tailed shearwaters mostly nest along the south-east of Australia. Using the following map of Aboriginal countries throughout Australia, find Gunditjmara country, where this story is set: <https://bit.ly/2sbKtj1>.

Balloons are one of the most dangerous items for marine animals. Zoos Victoria has launched a campaign to reduce balloon related waste. Watch this video to find out why plastic pollution is such a big problem: <https://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/act-for-wildlife/balloons/about>. Write a summary outlining the problem and what we can do to help or make a poster including some actions that people can take to reduce balloon and plastic waste in our oceans.

Research the migration of another animal. You could find out more about one of the following: monarch butterfly, Arctic tern, wildebeest, zebra, Christmas Island red crab, leatherback turtle or the humpback whale. How far do they travel? Where do they migrate from/to?