

### **Follow some of these tips:**

- Design your yard and garden so that plants flower and bear fruit in spring, summer and fall. Be sure to include native evergreens, grasses and fruit-bearing trees and shrubs.
- Fill seed, fruit and nectar feeders.
- Provide a source of water.



**For more information about migratory birds, visit the following web sites.**

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/>

<http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/>

<http://www.birdday.org/>

<http://www.bsc-eoc.org/national.html>

<http://www.abcbirds.org/iba/>

<http://www.audubon.org/bird/iba/index.html>

<http://birds.cornell.edu/>

<http://www.operationmigration.org>

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

[ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/](http://ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/)

### **Migration has its hazards**

It is estimated that about half of all migrating birds do not survive to make the return trip. Many fall victim to predators or bad weather. Some hit tall buildings, windows or other structures. Others are shot or trapped by hunters. Some just can't find suitable stopover habitats in time.



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of  
migrations**



## Why do birds migrate?

**M**igration is the way most birds adapt to seasonal changes as they move between their summer breeding grounds and their winter homes. Some fly thousands of miles and cross the Gulf of Mexico and other bodies of water. In fall they usually leave areas where the weather is severe and food sources are not plentiful and head to balmy, resource-rich environments. In spring they return to breeding areas.

## How do they get where they're going?

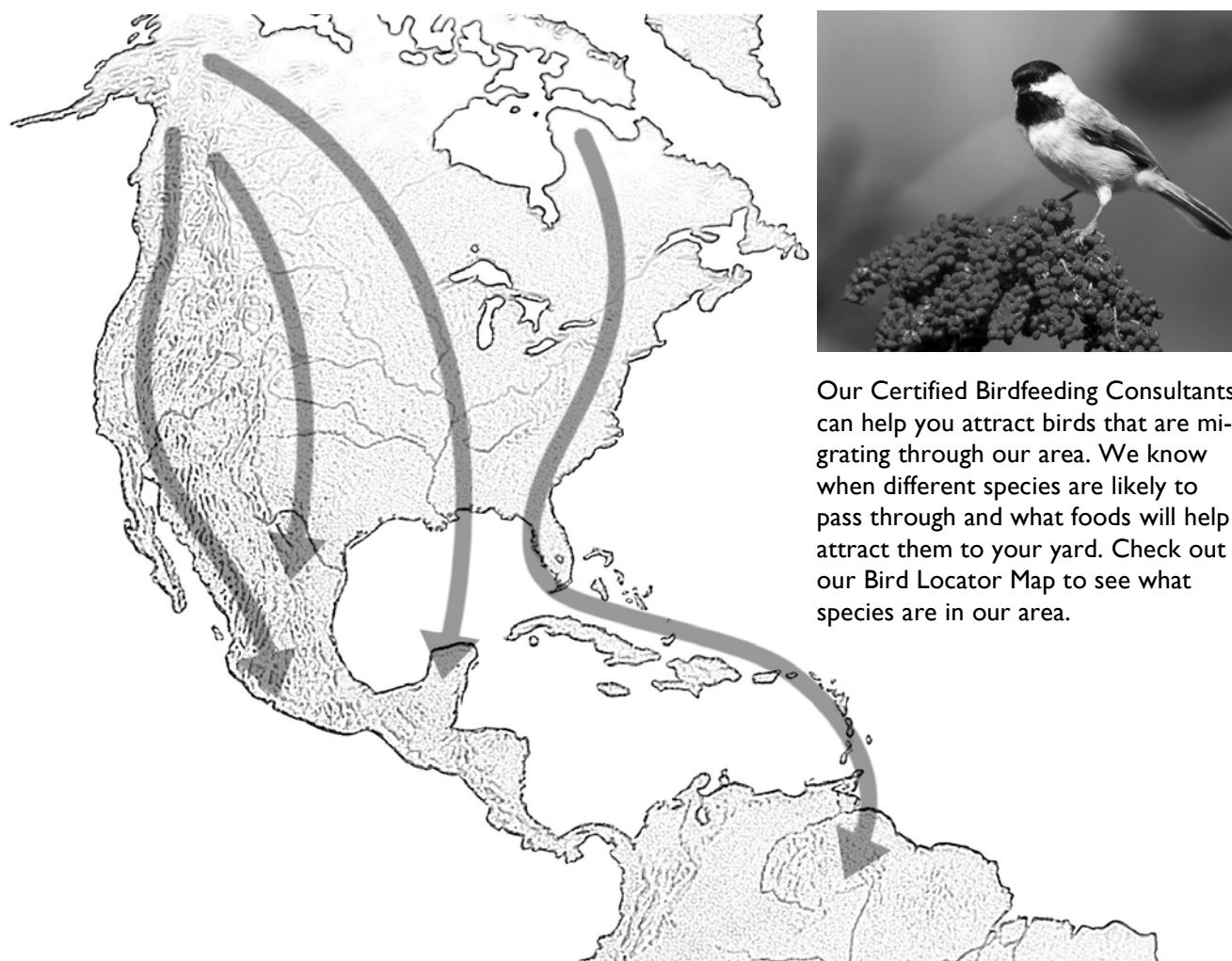
Most migration in North America takes place along four flyways that go north to south in fall and south to north in spring. More than 100 species found in North America in the summer fly to Central and South America for the winter, some covering distances of nearly 7,000 miles.

Amazingly, birds migrate without the benefit of a compass or other navigational equipment. Some birds seem to migrate by orienting themselves to the stars at night if the sky is clear. Other birds seem to have a built-in magnetic compass.



## Invite migrants into your yard.

**A**s you might imagine, all this flying takes its toll on the birds. It is not uncommon for birds to lose one-fourth to one-half of their body weight when they migrate over large bodies of water. Before they begin migrating birds accumulate fat to help maintain their energy reserves. Sometimes, however, reserves are not enough. That's where you can help by creating "stopover sites" in your yard with plenty of food, water and shelter.



Our Certified Birdfeeding Consultants can help you attract birds that are migrating through our area. We know when different species are likely to pass through and what foods will help attract them to your yard. Check out our Bird Locator Map to see what species are in our area.