

Bird Migration Hopscotch

- Use the chalk in your kit to draw a hopscotch board with ten squares on the blacktop. Each square will represent a wetland rest stop. Each person in your family will be a bird trying to make it to their migration route. As the game goes on, wetland rest stops will be taken away. This happens when wetlands are developed or built on. Follow the directions below for each round. If you don't make it to the end in any given round then you are out.
 - Round One: Hop through the hopscotch board as normal - hopping on one foot in the one square spaces and two feet in the two square spaces.
 - Round Two: Use the chalk to put an "X" through one of the squares. This marks a wetland that was developed on and now is no longer available as a rest stop for birds. Try to hop to the end of the hopscotch board without using that square. Remember, if you don't make it, you are out.
 - Round Three: Use the chalk to put an "X" on two more squares. Now try hopping to the end of the board without touching any three squares with X's.
 - Round Four: Use the chalk to put an "X" on one more square. Now try hopping to the end of the board without touching any of the four squares with X's.
 - Round Five: Use the chalk to put an "X" on two more squares. Now try hopping to the end of the board without touching any of the six squares with X's.
 - Round Six: Use the chalk to put an "X" on two more squares. Now try hopping to the end of the board without touching any of the seven squares with X's.
- How many "birds" made it to their migration route?

The good news is that we can help birds on their migration route by pushing for the preservation of important habitats such as wetlands. Other ways that we can help is by putting out bird feeders where migrating birds can find food. We can also plant trees where they can find rest and shelter while migrating.