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About Birds...Did You Know???

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service states that 51.3 million Americans report that they watch birds, making bird watching the fastest growing outdoor activity in the United States.
- Ornithology is a branch of zoology that deals with the study of birds.
- There are over 800 species of birds in North America and it is very easy to find at least 100 species in any part of the country.
- Bird watching is something that can be done anywhere: on the beach, at a park, in a field, and even in the backyard.
- Historically, birds all over the world provided signals of seasonal and environmental changes.
- Scientists of today use birds as a kind of environmental indicator. Monitoring the behavior of birds can provide scientists with a great deal of information about ecological conditions and their changes.
- Uniting people across generations, bird watching is a great hobby for people young and old.
- May 10, 2008 is International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), celebrated in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Central America through bird festivals, bird walks, and education programs like FlightPath: Plymouth Beach at Plimoth Plantation!
- According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, there are more than 9,600 unique species of birds in the world.
- Birds are warm-blooded vertebrates and their feathers are what distinguishes them from all other animals.



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