Science All Around Us
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Migration:
Animals Going the Distance
Covered in Unit:

• What is migration?
• Who migrates?
• Reasons for migration
• Where do the animals all go?
• Just how far do the animals go?
• How do the animals find their way?
What is migration?

• Migration is the movement of animals from one location to another location far away.

• Migrations can be thousands of miles!

• These movement are seasonal, meaning they occur at certain times of the year (fall and spring).
Who migrates?

- Many different types of animals migrate.
- Land, ocean, river, and flying animals migrate.
- Examples:
  - Fish (salmon)
  - Birds (Canadian geese)
  - Whales (gray whale)
  - Butterflies (monarch)
  - Caribou
  - Buffalo
  - Turtles
Why do animals migrate?

• Animals migrate to look for a new habitat, because their current habitat no longer meets their needs.
• Seasonal changes often trigger the movement.
• For example:
  – Elephants migrate seasonally to areas that have water during the dry season.
  – Salmon migrate to spawn.
  – Canadian geese fly south in the winter to milder climates.
• All migrating animals are looking for water, food, or shelter.