



Flight Paths

How a Passionate and Quirky Group
of Pioneering Scientists Solved the
Mystery of Bird Migration

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Further Reading and Resources

Audubon Christmas Bird Count (www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count). How to participate in the world's oldest continuously running community science program.

BirdCast (birdcast.info). Radar-based forecasts of bird migration intensity across the United States.

Bird Genoscape Project (www.birdgenoscape.org). More about the Bird Genoscape Project's research and findings.

eBird (ebird.org). How to start uploading your own sightings to eBird, plus lots of ways to explore the data that's already been accumulated.

Icarus (www.icarus.mpg.de/en). Information on the new Icarus wildlife tracking system based on the International Space Station.

Motus Wildlife Tracking System (motus.org). Information on the Motus automated radio telemetry system.

Movebank (www.movebank.org). A website where anyone can access maps of the movements of animals currently being tracked around the world.

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North American Breeding Bird Survey (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs). Information on the long-running annual survey founded by Chan Robbins, including how to volunteer.

Old Bird (www.oldbird.org). Information and resources related to nocturnal flight call recording, including gear to set up your own recording station.

Terra Project (www.terralistens.com). A planned device for community scientists to detect nocturnal flight calls and Motus-tagged birds passing over their yards.

USGS Bird Banding Laboratory (www.usgs.gov/labs/bird-banding-laboratory). Information on bird banding in the United States, including how to report a sighting of a banded bird.

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