



RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH Land Stewardship Committee

UP, UP, AND AWAY

This time of year is one of the seasons for the migration of birds. The birds journeys are amazing. They head south as winter approaches and return when spring arrives. Birds migrate to move from areas of low or decreasing resources to areas of high or increasing resources. The two primary resources being sought are food and nesting locations.



Migratory birds can remember and return to the exact location where they were born. They navigate using the sun, stars, and Earth's magnetic field. But exactly how they do it remains a mystery, partly because migrating birds use a combination of senses. For migratory birds a journey of 1200 miles can be done without stopping. They can cover thousands of miles in their annual travels, often traveling the same course year after year with little deviation.

First-year birds often make their very first migration on their own. Somehow they can find their winter home despite never having seen it before, and return the following spring to where they were born.

The secrets of their amazing navigational skills aren't fully understood, partly because birds combine several different types of senses when they navigate. Birds can get compass information from the sun, the stars, and by sensing the earth's magnetic field. They also get information from the position of the setting sun and from landmarks seen during the day. There's even evidence that sense of smell plays a role, at least for homing pigeons.

Migratory birds travel at the same speeds we usually do while driving. These range from 15 to 55 miles per hour, depending on the species, prevailing winds, and air temperature. At these rates, migratory birds typically fly from 15 to 600 miles or more each day.

Before we know it, they will be migrating back to us, and we will be looking forward to the nesting and birthing once again of these lovely creatures.

AMAZING!



Several years past a tagged osprey was radio tracked on its migration from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, southward through Mexico and all the way to Tierra Del Fuego at the tip of South America. It returned along the Andes Mountain range back to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to the very nest site that it left.

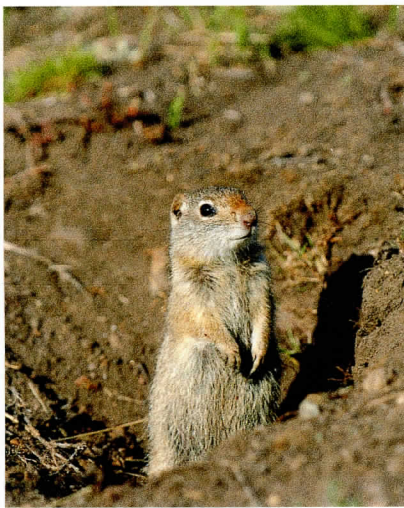
Is anything impossible for our God?

GREEN LEAF

RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH

LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE & CREATION CARE COMMITTEE

NEED YOU !



FOR THE BUSY ONES...

Who would like to help, **BUT....**

There's not enough hours in the day.....

Here's some ideas of what you could do that take only a few hours each month - - -

- Adopt an area, a small flower or plant bed, weed and maintain the garden.
- Plant annual flowers in the designated areas outside the sanctuary.
- Help write, edit, publish and distribute the Green Leaf
- Bring refreshments to the workers in the Creation Care Committee on their work days.
- Trim the Green Ash in the north parking lot.

AND there are many other small tasks that you can be done in just a few hours each month.

Do you see something that interests you? Have any questions? If so, call Paul Gore @ 406-587-2001, Ellie Weber @ 954-609-5612.

* * * * *