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## Migration Frustration

Birds have it tough during migration season. At the Conservation Field days, one of the stations was all about birds and what they go through as they migrate. The field days station leaders talked about how birds migrate and head south when it gets colder. Ducks and other water birds can't find food when the lake is frozen, and need warmer water to survive. We did an activity where we acted as the bird during migration. As I went through migration as a bird, there were some good things that happened, as well as bad things.

One of the good things that happened to me as a bird was catching wind as I was flying, and in response, I had extra time to catch my dinner. Another good example might be that I was banded, and gained extra rest. Being banded meant that conservationists took me in, took care of me, and helped me along my migrating journey. The band went on my ankle and it helped them with tracking where me and my flock moved, to study migration patterns.

Some days in migration, bad things would occur. For example, I got hunted and got shot with a BB gun, which would result in the circle of life. Also, I flew into a glass building, which knocked the wind out of me for a minute.

Once me and my class were nearing the end of the time for that station, we got to go over who made it to the end, who didn't, and why. In conclusion, I learned that birds have a tough time during migration, and the ones who make it are really lucky ducks.