CONSERVATION TALES

Books about wildlife conservation for young readers



Meet Alyssa!

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Protecting Songbirds and their Habitats

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Have you noticed songbirds in your yard, at the park, near your school or work? If so, you've probably seen some birds that spend all winter in Indiana. Other birds appear in the spring and leave again in the fall. These seasonal birds migrate to warmer habitats for the winter. Many migratory songbirds travel as far as South America! What you may not know is that many species of songbirds are in trouble. Their populations are getting smaller each year.

In order to survive that trip, they need a healthy habitat in which they can raise their young and find enough food to store some energy for the long flight ahead of them. Here are some tips you can do to help the songbirds in you neighborhood.

She spends a day with scientists in the forest learning about Cerulean Warblers.

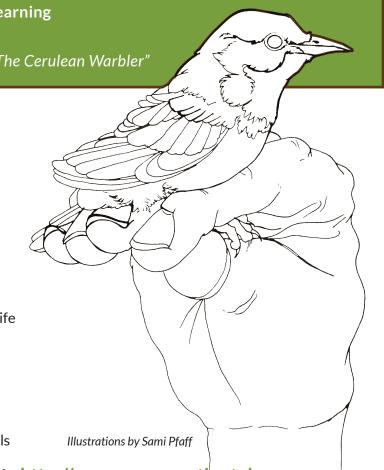
Read more about Alyssa in "Conservation Tales: The Cerulean Warbler"

Tips...

- Plant native shrubs and wildflowers in your yard. Songbirds depend on them for food or to support a population of the insects they eat.
- Support land conservancy groups in your area. They help preserve larger areas of natural habitat here and along migration routes.
- Encourage businesses in your city to put reflectors on windows to prevent bird collisions.

Caring for the living things that share our planet starts early. Help children understand the science behind wildlife conservation while discovering potential careers and experiencing inquiry-based science at home.

- Written for grades 3-5
- Based on work of real researchers!
- Includes tips for action at home to protect wildlife
- Hands-on Inquiry Science activities for home or schools



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