



Student Quiz

A quiz on bird and shorebird adaptations.



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Describe three special adaptations of shorebirds.

Why are shorebirds important?

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Adapted from The Shorebird Sister School Arctic Nesting Shorebirds Curriculum.

Teacher Quiz Key

Summarize the key points of the activity with a quick quiz:

What makes a bird a bird? Describe three unique adaptations of birds.

- Feathers
- Hollow bones
- Air sacs

Describe three special adaptations of shorebirds.

- Camouflage plumage
- Long, pointed wings
- Legs for walking, wading, and running
- Bill for probing or picking

Why are shorebirds important?

- Add diversity to shore life
- Important part of food web, including prey for raptors and fertilization of wetlands

What is the most significant threat to shorebirds today?

- Habitat alteration or loss

Name two other human-related activities that can be harmful to shorebirds

- Oil contamination (oil spills)
- Contamination from other dumped chemicals
- Trash
- Scaring birds from their nests
- Scaring birds from their feeding and resting spots during migration (Market-hunting in the past)