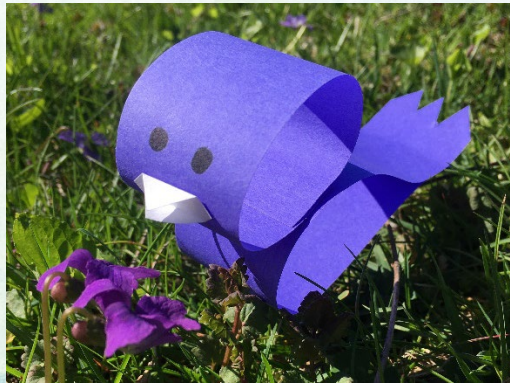


# CELEBRATE MIGRATORY BIRDS



The second Saturday of May is World Migratory Bird Day. Originally called International Migratory Bird Day, it was started at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center in 1993. It is now run by a non-profit, Environment for the Americas, and this year's theme is "Birds Connect Our World." Many migratory birds are arriving in Wisconsin around this time of year including Baltimore Orioles, Warblers, and Indigo Buntings. In honor of this event, make your own bird or flock of birds.

## Make a Bird

**Materials:** Paper and coloring supplies or construction paper, pen or marker, glue or tape, scissors

**Directions:**

1. Cut two strips of paper about 1-2 inches thick. One strip should be about 11-12 inches long and the second strip should be about 4-5 inches long.
2. Color them the color you want your bird. If you have colored construction paper, you can use that instead.
3. Tape or glue the shorter piece of paper into a circle for the head and the longer piece of paper into a teardrop shape for the body.
4. Tape or glue the head to the top of the teardrop body with the tapered point of the teardrop being the tail.
5. Cut some tail fringe on the end of the body.
6. Add a small scrap of paper for the beak and draw on eyes.