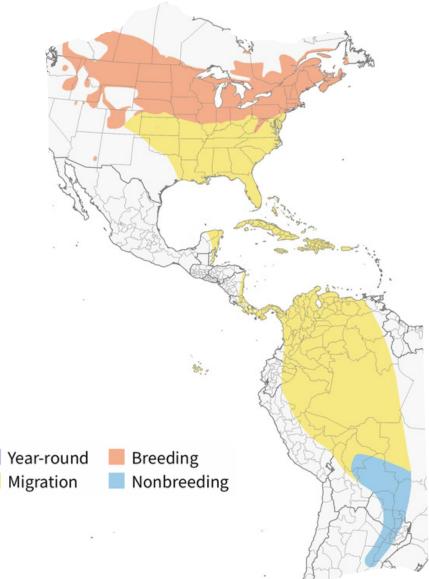


Bobolinks on the move can orient themselves with the earth's magnetic field and use the stars in night sky to guide their travels. The pattern of stars in the night sky are like a map of landmarks that the Bobolinks look for so they will know where to fly.

On the next page, see if you can draw a map, from memory, of a path you are familiar with. This can be from home to a park or from your bedroom to the front door. Try to include as many details as you can. Recognizable sounds and smells can even be part of your too!



Male Bobolink in non-breeding plumage. (Photo by Nicole Desnoyers ML71065511)



Bobolink Range Map. www.allaboutbirds.org

MY MIGRATION ROUTE





Think about the landmarks you use every day to get from one point to the next. What would happen if you were not able to see them clearly?

Bobolinks need to see the stars, just like you need these landmarks. However light pollution (artificial lights from homes and buildings) makes it difficult for them. The good news is that you can help by making sure you are not using lights excessively. Learn more here: <u>https://nationalaudubon.app.box.com/s/hvg3lryze3m03bpb8pody0q9bl5r8rgv</u>