



Recommended Reading Water Fowl

Albert's play / By Leslie Tyron. New York: Atheneum: 1992. WWL call no. 281332 Kids

Albert, a very clever and efficient goose, helps the children of Pleasant Valley School stage this year's play, *The Owl and the Pussycat*. The story is told in the same verse form as *The Owl and the Pussycat* and the artwork is star quality, full of charming details. K-3.

Albert's alphabet / By Leslie Tyron. New York: Aladdin Books: 1994. WWL call no. 281526 Kids

Clever Albert uses all the supplies in his workshop to build an alphabet for the school playground.

And Tango makes three / By Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers: 2005. WWL call no. 281615 Kids

This children's picture book is based on the true story of two male penguins in the Central Park Zoo who raise a baby penguin named Tango. For children preschool through grade two.

Bird [National Audubon Society first field guide] / By Scott Weidensaul. New York: Scholastic: 1998. WWL call no. 281601 Kids

An informative, visual guide to the natural science of birds as well as a field guide to over 150 species found in North America. For children and young adult ages 8 through 18.

Birds of North America. West / By Jo S. Kittinger. New York: DK Pub.: 2001. WWL call no. 281602 Kids

Offers advice on how to identify birds based on their color, size, shape, song, and habitat, and how to find them. Part of the Smithsonian kids' field guides.

The Birdwatchers / By Simon James. Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press: 2002. WWL call no. 281295 Kids

Granddad tells Jess over and over how amazing birds are but it's not until he takes her to his special bird-watching house that she finds out that it's true! Whimsical drawings in line and watercolor make this a story not to miss! For children in grades 1-4.

Booby hatch / By Betsy Lewin. New York: Clarion Books: 1995. WWL call no. 281376 Kids
A delightful account in text and pictures of the life cycle of the blue-footed booby, a seabird that lives and breeds in the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Counting cranes / By Mary Beth Owens. Boston: Little, Brown: 1993. WWL call no. 281303 Kids Kids
In 1941, due to hunting and human interference, the number of whooping cranes in the U.S. was only 15. Today, thanks to conservation efforts, that number has substantially increased. Owens pays tribute to the magic number of 15 in this counting book featuring cranes in their natural habitats. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Don't fidget a feather / By Erica Silverman. New York: Macmillan: 1994. WWL call no. 271259 Kids
Duck and Gander are in a dead heat for who is the champion of champions and the tie breaker is to see who can freeze in place the longest. But when hungry Fox comes along, the friendship of the two as well as the championship is on the line. Who will unfreeze first? You'll have to read it to find out. For children in grades Preschool-3.

Duck for president / By Doreen Cronin. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers: 2004. WWL call no. 271360 Kids
Duck wants to run the farm, and so runs for office. When he realizes that the farm is hard work, he runs for governor . . . and keeps on going up the political ladder. For children in grades Preschool-2.

A duckling is born / By Hans-Heinrich Isenbart. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons: 1981. WWL call no. 281336 Kids
Award-winning science book follows the development of a mallard duckling from the mating of his parents to his first swim, less than an hour after birth. It features actual photographs of a duck developing in an egg. Gr 1-4.

Ducks don't get wet / By Augusta Goldin. New York: HarperCollins Publishers: 1999. WWL call no. 281287 Kids
Learn how preening helps ducks stay waterproof in this informative guide featuring 10 different duck species. The book also includes an experiment to see firsthand why ducks don't get wet. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Fine feathered friends: poems for young people / By Jane Yolen. Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press: 2004. WWL call no. 281379 Kids
Fourteen original poems side by side with intimate photographs of each bird inspire the reader to investigate the habits of birds. For children in grades K-3.

A first look at ducks, geese, and swans / By Millicent Ellis Selsam. New York: Walker: 1990. WWL call no. 281338 Kids

An introduction to the differences and similarities of ducks, geese and swans -- birds that children love to see in the water and flying overhead. Simple text and scientifically accurate illustrations will help children develop observation skills. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Goose / By Molly Bang. New York: Blue Sky Press: 1996. WWL call no. 281320 Kids

A story of a little goose raised by a family of woodchucks who has to leave home to find out who she truly is. Beautiful illustrations complement this story about family and self-discovery. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Guess who, baby duck! / By Amy Hest. Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press: 2004. WWL call no. 281434 Kids

It's a rainy, rainy day, and Baby Duck has a little cold. But as always, Baby starts feeling better when Grampa comes to visit, especially when she sees the cheering-up present he's brought. For children in grades Preschool-K.

Howard / By James Stevenson. New York: Greenwillow Books: 1980. WWL call no. 271271 Kids

Howard gets left behind in a fall migration and winds up wintering in New York City among a host of other animals—from frogs to mice. He enjoys his stay among new friends so much that he has a difficult decision facing him in the spring. For children in grades K-3.

Loon / By Susan Vande Griek. Toronto, Ont.: Groundwood Books, House of Anansi Press: 2011. WWL call no. 281623 Kids

An illustrated prose poem that follows two loon chicks through the first four years of life as they are born, learn to swim, fly, and find food, avoid predators, and make their own migration to the coast. For ages 4 and up

Loon at Northwood Lake / By Elizabeth Ring. Norwalk, Conn.: Soundprints: 1997. WWL call no. 281282 Kids

This pocket-sized book features a loon pair that return to Northwood Lake in the spring to raise their chicks—and must be wary about predators and nearby humans. The illustrations are truly beautiful. For children in grades K-3.

Loon baby / By Molly Beth Griffin. Boston, Mass.: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: 2011. WWL call no. 281593 Kids

A baby loon, afraid that his mother will not return, sets out on his own to find his way across a stormy lake to their home in the great north woods.

Make way for ducklings / By Robert McCloskey. New York: Viking Press: 1941. WWL call no. 281292
Kids

A true classic, the tale of Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their search to find the perfect place to raise their ducklings in downtown Boston is as enjoyable for readers today as when originally published in 1941! For children in grades Preschool-2.

Project Ultra Swan / By Elinor Osborn. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 2002. WWL call no. 281380 Kids

It has been nearly 200 years since hunters killed the last of the trumpeter swans living in the eastern part of North America. Now that the birds are protected by law, scientists hope to restore them to their former range. This is a story of how scientists go about this work. For children in grades 3-7.

Seabird / By Holling Clancy Holling. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co.: 1948. WWL call no. 281546 Kids

An ivory gull carved by Ezra Brown in 1832 brings luck to four generations of his family as they travel on the seas and in the air. For children in grades 2 - 6

Secrets of sound: studying the calls of songs of whales, elephants, and birds / By April Pulley Sayre. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 2002. WWL call no. 281236 Kids

An intriguing look at the world of bioacoustics through the eyes of three scientists who each specialize in the communication strategies of a different species: whales, elephants and birds. Sayre gives an appealing presentation of contemporary scientists on the job. For children in grades 4-9.

See how they grow: duck / By Barrie Watts. New York: Dorling Kindersley: 2001. WWL call no. 281335
Kids

Endearing photographs and appealing, easy-to-understand text portray the growth and development of a duck from egg to almost full-grown. It should be enjoyed by even very young children as well as those who read to them. For children in grades Preschool-3.

Song for the whooping crane / By Eileen Spinelli. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers: 2000. WWL call no. 281293 Kids

In this poetic celebration of one of North America's most rare and beautiful birds, Eileen Spinelli lovingly introduces young readers to the seasonal rhythms and unique grace of these endangered creatures. Artist Elsa Warnick's delicate watercolors exquisitely capture the varied habitats and behaviors of the whooping cranes. For children in grades 2-6.

Spoonbill swamp / By Brenda Z. Guiberson and Megan Lloyd. New York: Henry Holt and Co.: 1992. WWL call no. 281326 Kids

Chosen as an Outstanding Science Trade Book, Spoonbill Swamp joins good science with a good story to depict a swamp and the creatures that inhabit it. The tale focuses on the everyday activities of spoonbills and alligators. Gr K-2.

The story of little quack / By Betty Gibson. Toronto: Kids Can Press: 1990. WWL call no. 281321 Kids
This story of friendship between a young boy and a lonely little duck stresses the importance of having both friends and family. For children in grades 1-2.

The story of the seagull and the cat who taught her to fly / By Luis Sepúlveda. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic: 2003. WWL call no. 162703 Kids
A seagull, dying from the effects of an oil spill, entrusts her egg to Zorba the cat, who promises to care for it until her chick hatches, then teach the chick to fly.

Swan Lake / By Mark Helprin. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 1989. WWL call no. 281351 Kids
A young prince and his beloved Odette struggle to protect themselves and their infant daughter from the evil Von Rothbart in this adaptation of the classic ballet. For children in grades 4-9.

Watching water birds / By Jim Arnosky. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society: 1997. WWL call no. 281248 Kids
Naturalist Arnosky's personal observations accompany his illustrations on a variety of waterbirds seen in different habitats and exhibiting unique behaviors. Freshwater and saltwater species covered include loons and grebes, mergansers, mallards, wood ducks, Canadian geese, gulls, and herons. For children in grades 1-4.

Where does a tiger-heron spend the night? / By Margaret Carney. Toronto: Kids Can Press: 2002. WWL call no. 281294 Kids
This lift-the-flap book answers this question and others about birds and their physiology and behavior in a fun and colorful style. It also provides further information in the back about each avian species featured. For children in grades K-3.

Wings along the waterway / By Mary Barrett Brown. New York: Orchard Books: 1992. WWL call no. 281239 Kids
Twenty-one wetland birds, from egrets to osprey, are portrayed in terms of their coloring, behavior, and habitats in this wonderful book. The importance of wetlands to environmental health is a recurring theme throughout. For children in grades 4-7.