

The Hermit Warbler-

a bird that loves adventure!



Let's meet a bird that nests high up in the tree tops of Oregon's forests and find out what it takes to follow this bird on its incredible migration to its warmer winter home!



Family: Warblers

Favorite Foods: Insects and spiders (yum!)

Nests: High up in conifer trees (like Douglas fir). Lay 4-5 eggs in the spring.

Habits: Male (Dad) Hermit Warblers don't like company! They protect their nesting sites aggressively from other male Hermit warblers. They need all the insects they can find near their nests for their own families!

Migration (How Far Birds Travel):

Hermit Warblers fly around 2,700 miles to Mexico City every winter! They travel south with other species of migratory (traveling) birds. That is dedication to having fun in the sun!

Going the Distance



Hermit Warblers like to stay warm! When Oregon gets rainy and cold in the winter, Hermit Warblers migrate (travel) south to Mexico (there is also more food available!). Can you imagine flying that far?



Where do they go?



We didn't always know where exactly Hermit Warblers went in the winter. Oregon State University researcher, Hankyu Kim wanted to answer that question.

Hankyu used teeny tiny 'geolocators' and strapped them onto the bird's back like a backpack. These geolocators records the birds location. Thanks to scientists like Hankyu Kim, we now know where they fly every winter!



What a crazy day this has been! And I thought migrating was tough. But check out my beautiful new bracelets and cool backpack.



This information helps different states and countries work together to protect the winter and summer habitats and travel routes of these beautiful, migratory birds!