

Migratory Bird Hall-of-Famers' Cards



SMALLEST MIGRATING BIRD:

THE HUMMINGBIRD



ost hummingbirds are 6-13 cm Llong and 2-9 gms in weight. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird flies 24-hours non-stop over the Gulf of Mexico to the Yucatan Peninsula.

HIGH ALTITUDE FLIER:

THE RUPPELL'S **GRIFFON VULTURE**



This vulture has been seen at ▲ heights of 37,000 feet—higher than commercial airplanes, which fly at approximately 30-35,000 feet!

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Source: Neotropical Migratory Bird Basics, the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center



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HIGH ALTITUDE HONORABLE MENTION:
BAR-HEADED GOOSE



Bar-headed Geese are known to cross the Himalayas at 29,500 feet. (The highest altitude recorded in North America was a Mallard at 21,000 feet when hit by an airplane.)

Most Distance Covered: THE ARCTIC TERN



The Arctic Tern covers 22,000 miles annually—a pole to pole traveler!

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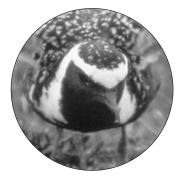
And just for fun.

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LONG DISTANCE TRANSOCEANIC MARATHON WINNER:

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER



The American Golden-Plover flies from Canada's southern coast to South America non-stop, passing over thousands of miles of open ocean without making landfall (an average distance of 2,500 miles).

LONG DISTANCE TRANSOCEANIC MARATHON WINNER:

THE BLACKPOLL WARBLER



Blackpoll Warblers fly 80-90 hours over the ocean from Canada to South America. Flying 2,000 miles in 3 days—an average of 660 miles per day—it's the human equivalent of running 4-minute miles for 80 consecutive hours!

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