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## Rock Island Lighthouse & Island Habitats Virtual Field Trip

### Vocabulary Guide for Students and Educators

<b>Aquatic birds</b>	Birds that live on or near water.
<b>Adaptation</b>	A change by which a species becomes better suited to its environment.
<b>Camouflage</b>	Natural animal pattern or covering that makes it difficult for them to be seen.
<b>Carnivore</b>	An animal that feeds on other animals' flesh, meat.
<b>Colony</b>	A group of birds of one or more species and their nests.
<b>Diurnal</b>	Animals that are active during daylight hours.
<b>Endangered Species</b>	A species which could become extinct in the near future.
<b>Extinct Species</b>	A species where there are no more of that species left anywhere in the World.
<b>Habitat</b>	The home or natural environment of plants, animals, and other organisms.
<b>Incubate</b>	A bird sits on its eggs to keep them warm and bring them to hatch.
<b>Island</b>	A piece of land completely surrounded by water. Must have at least one tree.
<b>Lighthouse</b>	A tower containing a beacon of light to guide ships.
<b>Migrate</b>	Moving from one region to another according to the season.
<b>Nest</b>	A structure made or chosen by a bird for laying eggs & to shelter its young.
<b>Predator</b>	An animal hunting other animals for food.
<b>Prey</b>	An animal hunted by another animals for food.
<b>Raptor</b>	A bird that hunts other animals for prey. A bird of prey.
<b>Shoal</b>	An area of land exposed above the water, has no trees.
<b>Shoreline</b>	The area where the water meets the land.
<b>Shorebirds</b>	Birds that wade, swim, and fly along the shoreline in search of food.
<b>St. Lawrence River</b>	A large river in North America that connects the Great Lakes to the

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Atlantic Ocean.

**Threatened Species** A species which are, vulnerable and could become endangered in the near future.

**Vertebrae** Small bones forming the backbone or neck.

**Wingspan** Wings measured from tip to tip.

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