



# Save The River® / Upper St. Lawrence RIVERKEEPER®

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## *My Little Book of Wood Ducks* Story Time

### A Distance Learning Guide for Educators and Guardians

Save The River is committed to providing quality educational programs and resources for formal and informal educators throughout our region. Save The River has developed Virtual Learning Guides and Resources for students, parents, and educators who are interested in learning more about the St. Lawrence River.

*My Little Book of Wood Ducks* introduces students to author Hope Irvin Marston's world of wood ducks. Students follow along as the story is read aloud, learning about a family of nine ducklings and the forest and pond they live in.

Heather White reads the story and prompts young readers to think about how wood ducks make their nests, what their predators are, and what they eat. Students will learn about the remarkable jump all wood ducklings take as they launch themselves from the nest to the ground – up to 50 feet!



*My Little Book of Wood Ducks* can be integrated into classroom curriculum and addresses New York State Science and (or) ELA Learning Standards with a focus on K-3 grade levels. Save The River can work with you to tailor pre-and post-discussion content to meet your classroom needs. There are many additional fun and educational activities you can use to engage your students with St. Lawrence River island habitats either in the classroom or during distance learning. Make sure to visit our website:

[www.savetheriver.org](http://www.savetheriver.org) and follow our [Facebook Page](#) to learn more about what Save The River is doing to protect our waterways, and to stay up to date on upcoming adult and youth educational opportunities.

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## CURRICULUM RESOURCES

### **Audubon New York and National Audubon Society**

Subjects: Bird migration, identification, behavior, habitat, bird cams

Grade Level: K-12

Website Link: [Audubon Teacher Resources](#), [Audubon Adventures](#), [NY Live Bird Cams](#), [Important Bird Areas](#)

### **Cornell Lab of Ornithology**

Subjects: Bird diversity, courtship, life cycles (nests and eggs), life in a nest, identification, flight and migration, behavior, and weekly family quests

Grade Level: K-2, 3-5, 6-8

### **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

Subjects: [Invasive Species](#), [Outdoor Observations](#), [Journaling and Nature Activities](#), [I Fish New York](#), [Caregiver, Parent, and Educator Resources at Home](#), [Quick Family Activities for Inside or Outside](#), [NYS Conservationist For Kids Magazine](#), [Animal Tracks](#)

Grade Level: K-12

Website Link: Click on each topic link to the access the website (above)

### **US Fish and Wildlife Service**

Subjects: Conservation careers, live animal webcams, fish and aquatic conservation, fisheries science, junior duck stamp contest, designing fish friendly culverts,

Grade Level: K-12

Website Link: [USFWS Classroom Curriculum and Resources](#)

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## READING LIST

### **Introduction to Birding**

Birds

Author: Carme Lemniscates

Genre: Fiction

Bird Count

Author: Susan Edwards Richmond

Genre: Nonfiction

### **Migration**

Migration: Exploring the Remarkable Journeys of Birds

Author: Melissa Mayntz

Genre: Nonfiction

### **St. Lawrence Seaway**

St. Lawrence Seaway

Author: Gail Gibbons

Genre: Nonfiction

Paddle to the Sea

Author: Gail Gibbons

Genre: Nonfiction

### **Islands**

The Little Island

Author: Margaret Wise Brown

Genre: Fiction

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