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Red Knot: A Shorebird's Incredible Journey

By Nancy Carol Willis

Birdsong Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Red Knot: A Shorebird's Incredible Journey, Nancy Carol Willis, Narrated in journal entries from the point of view of a red knot - a robin-sized shore bird that migrates 20,000 miles annually, from the tip of South America to the Arctic Circle and back - this book depicts one such dramatic journey in stunningly detailed coloured-pencil illustrations of the flight over the Atlantic Ocean, a landing in Delaware Bay, the northern nesting grounds, chicks feeding on hatching insects, a close call with an arctic fox, and the return home. At the heart of the story is a message about conservation: the birds stop only a few times as they travel and always in the same coastal areas where dwindling food supplies have caused a precipitous decline in their numbers over the past decade. Science concepts such as animal life cycles, climate, extinction, the food chain, and migration are introduced by information about how bird-banding and protecting the horseshoe crab - whose eggs are a principal food for red knots - can help them survive. A four-page appendix includes a map of the western hemisphere, a range and route map for migrating birds,...



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