

A Long Journey

Gus the Canada Goose admires his new feathers. They just finished growing in, so he's ready to fly.

The weather is getting colder in northern Canada, and Gus's family flock prepares for the long flight south for the winter. They will follow the Atlantic Flyway.

Soon, the pond where they live will freeze, and there will be no food to eat.

Gus isn't worried, though, because his mom is the one to start off the flying V this year. Off they go!

The geese fly in a V shape over towns and cities. Gus's mom works the hardest at the front so that the other geese can save energy. The geese will take turns so that they can fly together longer.

Look down there! It's a nice pond to stop and rest for a couple of days. There are lots of grasses to eat.

Gus and his family keep flying until they reach their favorite winter pond. They even meet up with some other geese friends.

Months go by, and spring is here. It's time for Gus and his family to fly back to northern Canada for the summer.

Each year, in the fall and spring, many birds like Gus migrate to warmer places in the winter. They go where they can find food to eat and water to swim in. Then, they fly north to have their babies in the spring.
