

ROLL AGAIN



Good winds push you along in the right direction.



You're a Rufous Hummingbird. You are starting your migration north. Will you make it to your breeding grounds?

MEXICO

GO BACK ONE



Winds blow so hard in the wrong direction that you must find shelter.

Hummingbird Migration Mishaps Classroom Board Game



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Place the cards around the room (or wherever you've decided to play the game with your class) in a long line like a board game. Make sure to place them in order (their numbers are on the back).

2. Group your students into teams of two or three and give each team a die.
3. Half of the teams can start in Mexico and half can start in Alaska.
4. Teams take turns rolling their die and moving that number of spaces, following whatever directions the card details. Make sure the teams are all reading the cards, not just the cards' directions.

Roll Again: The team rolls again on that same turn.

Go Back One: The team goes back one and follows that card's directions.

Miss a Turn: The team does nothing on the next turn.

Stay: The team stays on that space until their next turn.

You Die: The team goes back to the beginning to start again.

Move Ahead One: The team moves to the next space and follows those directions.

Move Back Two: The team moves back two spaces and follows those directions.

The first team to reach the breeding or wintering grounds wins! The students will learn how hard it is to migrate and what they might be able to do to help hummingbirds!

STAY



The flowers you drank from last year have been cut down, so you have to find a new source of food.



STAY

GO BACK ONE



You have to fly around some wind turbines. You like alternative energy, but you must take extra time to avoid getting hit!

A sudden drop in temperature forces you to find cover.



MISS A TURN

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YOU DIE



You fly and fly but cannot find any food.

MISS A TURN



You stop to find some nectar in a garden where they've used lots of chemicals.

GO BACK ONE



You get confused because the landmarks you followed last year have changed because of man-made construction. You have to find your way back to your route.

STAY



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MISSA TURN



You stop to get a drink at a dripping hose,
and get chased by a cat!

MISSA TURN



You fly over a farmer's field where they are
spraying chemicals, but you get out of the
way just in time.

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You are the first hummingbird to find a
hummingbird feeder that a student just put
up at their house.

STAY



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STAY

STAY



A scientist studying hummingbirds catches you gently in a net and places a numbered band on your leg. You can still fly and you like your new jewelry, but you have to get used to the band.

YOU DIE



windows.

You accidentally follow the lights of a skyscraper at night and slam into the

Someone who doesn't know anything about hummingbirds thinks that you are trying to attack their red shirt, so they try to swat you away!

You escape.



GO BACK ONE

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STAY

MISS A TURN



You have to fly for a long way before
your find food.

MISS A TURN



Dry conditions mean that plants aren't
producing very much nectar. You have to spend
lots of time drinking at many flowers.

You find a patch of flowers full of nectar
along the edge of a stream.



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STAY



You find a full hummingbird feeder, but you must compete with other very aggressive hummingbirds.



STAY

You find a school that has planted a pollinator garden.



STAY



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MOVE AHEAD ONE



You find a river to follow with lots of flowers along the edges.



STAY



You've made it up the west coast of the United States and Canada to your breeding grounds !

ALASKA

A storm makes you search for shelter, but all the trees have been cut down!



MOVE BACK TWO

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GO BACK ONE



A rain storm forces you to find protection
in a tree's leaves.

GO BACK ONE



You fuel up at a garden, but then cannot
find another bunch of flowers for many
miles. You almost don't make it!

MISS A TURN



You're exhausted, so take a turn to drink
lots of nectar at a nature
center's pollinator garden.

You find a backyard with lots of native
plants with lots of nectar.



MOVE AHEAD ONE



STAY

STAY

