Get Moving!

Autumn has arrived and animals are getting ready for colder days to come, moving around in search of food. At this time of year, many birds flock together, travelling in search of food, such as berries or insects. Some birds migrate or fly south to find warmer weather. At the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History there are many examples of migrating birds on display such as in this photo of a museum display. Look at the bottom of the photo to see a row of geese that migrate.

Birds that migrate or move home with the seasons.

Arrival of Autumn

How many geese can you see?

Hint: They have longer necks!

A curlew on display in the Museum

Honk Honk!

Autumn in Ireland is the time we say goodbye to our summer visitors, including swallows, cuckoos and swifts, which leave for winter homes in Africa. Did you know during autumn we also get birds migrating to Ireland for winter? Some birds move from colder places, such as Iceland and Siberia, to enjoy the milder winters of Ireland, such as geese, swans, and waders, such as curlews.

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Arrival of Autumn Word Search

Try the Arrival of Autumn Word Search and have fun finding a range of words related to animals you might see or hear during autumn in Ireland.

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E  B  S  W  I  F  T  W  I
P  R  S  E  E  D  S  H  N
M  E  C  U  C  K  O  O  S
I  N  F  R  A  W  L  O  E
G  T  E  L  I  B  R  P  C
R  G  E  W  O  P  I  E  T
A  E  L  P  I  C  O  R  S
T  E  R  O  B  F  K  S  D
I  S  W  A  L  L  O  W  R
O  E  B  E  R  R  Y  A  P
N  C  U  R  L  E  W  N  O
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Get searching!

Flock Bird Berry Seeds Insects Swift
Migration Swallow Cuckoo Curlew
Brent geese Whooper swan

Here's a tip!

Search horizontally, vertically and diagonally and even backwards for all 12 words, put your skills to the test and see how many you can find! Don't forget to check your answers on the next page.

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Here are the answers!
How did you get on? Did you manage to find all 12 words?

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E B S W I F T W I
P R S E E D S H N
M E C U C K O O S
I N F R A W L O E
G T E L I B R P C
R G E W O P I E T
A E L P I C O R S
T E R O B F K S D
I S W A L L O W R
O E B E R R Y A P
N C U R L E W N O
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Guess the geese!
There are 4 geese on the bottom row of the photograph.

We hope to see you soon!
A visit to the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History is FREE. Next time you are at the Museum, don't forget to say hello to all the different migrating birds on display!