

BIRD SURVIVOR AND LIFE CYCLE GAME

This game can be played indoors or outdoors, with children who are able to read. It teaches children the different challenges (natural and man made) faced by birds during their life cycles. The attached sheets contain cards describing stages of a bird's life cycle in the sequence below:

<i>Migration</i>	<i>Round 1</i>	<i>5 cards</i>
<i>Find and defend a territory</i>	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>5 cards</i>
<i>Find a partner</i>	<i>Round 3</i>	<i>4 cards</i>
<i>Nesting</i>	<i>Round 4</i>	<i>4 cards</i>
<i>Incubate eggs</i>	<i>Round 5</i>	<i>3 cards</i>
<i>Feed and raise chicks</i>	<i>Round 6</i>	<i>3 cards</i>

How to play (needs 8 or more players, and a facilitator)

- Divide the group into four teams which will stand in four corners of the play area. Each team can be encouraged to adopt the name of a bird as their team name.
- Each team designates one player to play the “bird” and the four representatives move to the center of the play area and stand side by side.
- In each round, the facilitator takes the cards (corresponding to that specific life cycle stage) to the rest of the team members and gets them to pick one card at random from the deck.
- The team reads out the text on the card to their “bird” in the center of the room. The “bird” has to carry out the action written in red text at the bottom of the card (eg. jump forward, step back etc).
- Each team gets a chance to pick one card in each round . The winner is the team whose “bird” is the farthest ahead at the end of the 6 rounds.

Note:

Print the attached sheets in colour (page 6 is to be printed on the back of pages 2-5) and cut to obtain 24 cards. The different rounds contain differing number of cards to give participants some choice, and also because some teams will have to drop out after round 4!



MIGRATION

You arrive in your wintering grounds weak and exhausted, but food is plentiful.

STAY IN PLACE



MIGRATION

Strong winds steer you off course and you get separated from the rest of your flock.

HOP 1 STEP BACK



MIGRATION

Your entire flock makes it successfully to a village where the villagers leave food for you every morning.

JUMP 2 STEPS FORWARD



MIGRATION

The lake you usually winter in has been filled up and converted into apartments.

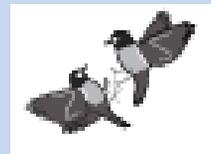
TAKE 2 STEPS BACKWARD



MIGRATION

Due to a successful conservation project along your route, locals have given up hunting.

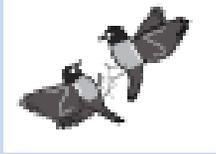
TAKE 1 STEP FORWARD



FIND AND DEFEND A TERRITORY

Your green patch in the middle of a busy city is still intact but traffic noise and pollution is increasing.

STAY IN PLACE



FIND AND DEFEND A TERRITORY

Your favourite nesting tree has been cut to widen the road.

TAKE 1 STEP BACK IN SLOW MOTION



FIND AND DEFEND A TERRITORY

You successfully establish a large territory within a protected national park.

FLY AROUND THE ROOM AND TAKE 2 STEPS FORWARD



FIND AND DEFEND A TERRITORY

The forest you nested in last year has become fragmented and predators are everywhere.

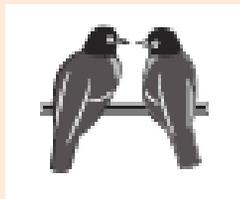
TAKE 2 STEPS BACK



FIND AND DEFEND A TERRITORY

Children from the nearby school have created a nice bird habitat and put up nest boxes.

TAKE 1 STEP FORWARD



FIND A PARTNER

After elaborate courtship displays, you finally have a partner!

DANCE 2 STEPS FORWARD



FIND A PARTNER

You are trying to impress a female but another male is also courting her.

STAY IN PLACE, CONTINUE SINGING AND DANCING YOUR HEART OUT



NESTING

You make a nest but a Koel lays an egg in your nest.

TAKE 1 STEP BACK



NESTING

You and your partner quickly identify a hole and start making a nest.

JUMP 2 STEPS FORWARD



NESTING

The nest hole you selected has been taken over by Parakeets

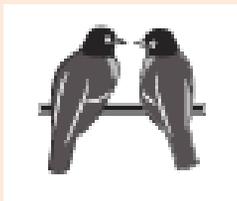
HOP 2 STEPS BACKWARD



NESTING

A snake finds your nest and eats all your eggs. Sorry, your game is over!

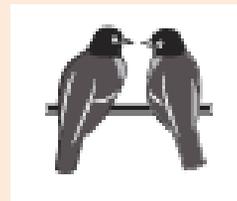
FLY BACK TO YOUR SEAT



FIND A PARTNER

Your partner while perched on an exposed branch was attacked by a falcon and eaten.

TAKE 2 STEPS BACK



FIND A PARTNER

Despite all your efforts, you are unable to find a partner

TAKE 1 STEP BACK



INCUBATE EGGS

During a storm your nest tree is hit by lightning. Sorry, your game is over!

GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT



INCUBATE EGGS

Both you and your partner are able to find enough food and take turns on the nest.

FLY AROUND THE ROOM AND TAKE 2 STEPS FORWARD



FEED AND RAISE CHICKS

You return with food to find a mongoose near your nest but you chase it away in time

MAKE A SCARY FACE AND STAY IN PLACE



INCUBATE EGGS

Pesticides have been sprayed near your nest, and you get sick.

TAKE 1 STEP BACKWARD WHILE COUGHING LOUDLY



FEED AND RAISE CHICKS

None of your eggs hatch and you'll have to try next year. Sorry, the game is over for you.

GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT



FEED AND RAISE CHICKS

All your eggs hatch and you and your mate do a good job feeding them all!

DANCE 2 STEPS FORWARD



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