

“All Together Now!” Multidisciplinary Classroom Activities

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Teachers guide for the Young Naturalists article “All Together Now!” by Christine Petersen. Published in the July–August 2021 *Minnesota Conservation Volunteer*, or visit www.mndnr.gov/mcvmagazine.

Study Questions

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Name _____ Date _____

1. Why is this story called “All Together Now”?
2. Why are flocks of pelicans called squadrons?
 - a. because the birds are lined up like fighter planes
 - b. because they fly over cities
 - c. because the birds are very large
 - d. because the birds have white plumage
3. What happens when a flying pelican tips sideways?
4. True or false: A duck has a separate nose and mouth.
5. Which of the pelicans in the photos on pages 54 and 55 are ready to mate? How can you tell?
6. Name three things that make a pelican’s bill unique.
7. What are three ways a pelican uses its bill?
8. The “neighborhood” in which pelicans nest is called a _____.
9. True or false: Pelicans nest in trees.
10. Why do pelicans cover their eggs with their feet?
11. Put these events in the life of a pelican chick in order from first to last:

The chick learns to swim

The chick learns to fly

The chick grows a downy covering

The chick grows feathers

12. Match the event with the month:

Months	Events
April	pelicans lay eggs
May	pelicans fly south
October	chicks hatch

13. Challenge: A pelican's bill can hold up to three gallons of water. How many of your school lunch milk cartons would it take to fill it up?

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments Practice Items

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www.mndnr.gov/young_naturalists/pelicans.

1. What does the writer mean by "snowy feathers"?
 - a. The birds' feathers were fluffy
 - b. The birds' feathers were cold
 - c. The birds' feathers were covered with snow
 - d. The birds' feathers were white
2. The story describes how a pelican's bill is "wonderfully different" from the bills of other birds. Name three ways a pelican's bill is the same as those of other birds.
3. Why would the Department of Natural Resources want to know how many pelicans there are in Minnesota?
4. During what month do pelican chicks usually hatch?
5. How much food does a pelican eat in a week?
6. Why do you think pelicans choose islands for their nesting sites?

Vocabulary

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- aerial – in the air
- broadsword – a sharp weapon with a pointed tip
- census – survey
- colony – group

habitat – the setting in which an organism lives
immature – not grown up
migrate – move from one place to another

An aerial adventure is an adventure that
An adventure that **is in or relating to the air** is

A person armed with a **broadsword** is carrying
A heavy weapon with a wide blade is called a

When we **census** a bird population, we conduct a
When we **survey** a bird population, we conduct a

A **colony** is a
A **group of birds living together** is called a\

The setting in which an organism lives is called its
Habitat is

An animal that is **immature** is
When you are **not grown up**, you are

When birds **move from one place to another** they
To **migrate** is to

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