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Weather and bird migration! Weather is certainly not a major factor in bird migration. Different species always arrive at their breeding grounds within a few days of the average date. Sometimes their arrival is retarded by cold weather, heavy fog or rain. Often while advancing to their summer homes they are overtaken by inclement weather conditions which destroy thousands. Weather conditions, such as a fall in temperature, also affect migratory birds by diminishing the insect supply upon which they depend to feed themselves and young. When birds arrive in stormy weather, it is thought that they started out in good weather but were caught in it while enroute.
