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***Nature: Flyways* Follows Scientists Racing Against the Clock to Save the World's Migratory Shorebirds**

New documentary premieres Wednesday, February 7 at 8/7c on PBS ([check local listings](#)), pbs.org/nature, [YouTube](#) and the [PBS App](#)

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. More than 200 species, such as Far Eastern Curlews, Lesser Yellowlegs, Red Knots and Hudsonian Godwits, travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water.

But their populations are crashing amidst climate change and urban development. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds. ***Nature: Flyways*** premieres Wednesday, February 7 at 8/7c on PBS ([check local listings](#)), pbs.org/nature, [YouTube](#) and the [PBS App](#).

“Growing up near Moreton Bay in Queensland, I was introduced early to the beauty of shorebirds by my grandmother,” said ***Flyways*** director Randall Wood. “An avid bird watcher and poet, she taught me to love these vulnerable and threatened creatures. As a filmmaker focusing on issues of ecology and science, I felt a deep calling to make this film, to highlight the positive actions we can take to stem the tide on a local and global level.”

“There are few creatures on earth more inspiring or courageous than shorebirds,” said Fred Kaufman, executive producer for **Nature**. “Their epic journeys tell us much about our world, ourselves and our quest for a better future.”

“We’re proud of the scientists and storytellers who came together to shine a light on these birds and the challenges they face,” said Head of HHMI Tangled Bank Studios Jared Lipworth. “**Nature** viewers will be captivated by their strength and resilience, and I expect this film may inspire a lot of new bird watchers to get outside and start their life lists.”

Nature: Flyways is a Storyland, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios and The WNET Group production in association with ZED and PTS (Public Television Service), Taiwan. The documentary is written, produced and directed by Randall Wood and co-written and produced by Rebecca McElroy. Nora Young narrates. Trish Lake, Aline Jacques, Odilla O’Boyle, Wuan-Ling Guo, Christine Le Goff and Manuel Catteau are Executive Producers. For **HHMI Tangled Bank Studios**, David Guy Elisco and Sean B. Carroll are Executive Producers. For **Nature**, Fred Kaufman is Executive Producer, Bill Murphy is Series Producer and Janet Hess is Series Editor. **Nature** is a production of The WNET Group.

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Since 1982, **Nature** has pioneered a television genre that is now widely emulated in the broadcast industry, bringing the natural world to millions of viewers. The series has won more than 700 honors from the television industry, the international wildlife film communities and environmental organizations, including 21 Emmys and three Peabodys. **Nature** is available for streaming concurrent with broadcast on all station-branded PBS platforms, including [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org) and the [PBS App](#), available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. Classic episodes are available on various [FAST channel platforms](#) and on [PBS Passport](#).

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Randall Wood is founder of Storyland, a Queensland-based production company dedicated to making media for the heart and mind. Storyland's multi-awarded productions have screened across the globe in cinemas and homes - www.globalstory.tv

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