

# FEBRUARY 2022



## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### CROW NOT CROW

by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple

Crow Not Crow follows the success of our On Bird Hill and Beyond series by bestselling children's author Jane Yolen. For Crow Not Crow, Jane teamed up with her son, Adam Stemple, to write a gentle tale of a father introducing his daughter to the joys of bird watching. Using the simple "Crow, Not Crow" method for distinguishing one bird from another, father and daughter explore the birds near their home...and there are so many to see! Children's illustrator Elizabeth Dulemba's delightfully warm illustrations bring this tale to life.



#### Fun Facts:

- Over 340 species of birds make their way through Georgia, either as year-round residents or as migrants appearing only during specific times of the year.
- Georgia's governor first proclaimed the brown thrasher as the state bird in 1935, and it was finally recognized by Georgia legislature as the official state bird in 1970 (at the request of the Garden Clubs of Georgia).
- In 1970, the bobwhite quail was chosen as the official state game bird. Quail hunting in Georgia has long been popular with sportsmen around the world, and our state is often recognized as the "Quail Capital of the World."
- The Great Backyard Bird Count: Each February, for four days, the world comes together for the love of birds. Over those four days people are asked to spend time in their favorite places watching and counting as many birds as they can find and [reporting](#) them. These observations help scientists better understand global bird populations.

#### Videos:

- Farm Monitor: [Ranger Nick: Migrating Birds That Are Helping Farmers](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Using Mist Netting To Study Bird Health & Behavior](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Ranger Nick: Tips For Bringing Birds To Our Backyards](#)

#### Activities:

- [Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. \(February 18-21, 2022\)](#)
- [Contact your local Audubon Chapter and schedule a guest speaker, find field trip opportunities or have them help you create a bird friendly area at your school.](#)
- Bird feeder using: [toilet paper roll](#), [pine cone](#), [milk jug](#) or [milk carton](#). [You can also make suet cakes.](#)
- [Plant a garden with plants that are beneficial to birds.](#)
- [Research the birds in your area and listen to the sounds they make.](#)
- [Have students pick one local bird to complete a bird research report on it.](#)
- [Audubon Get To Know Bird Activities \(5 different activities\)](#)
- [Georgia Bird Scavenger Hunt](#)

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