

Animal Adaptations: Behaviors

Instinct

- a behavior that an animal begins life with
- adaptations that help animals meet their needs
- Examples of **instincts** include migration and hibernation

Migration - the movement of a group of one type of animal from one region to another and back again

Examples of animals that migrate:

- Atlantic green turtles (to lay eggs)
- All kinds of birds, including the pectoral sandpiper (climate)
- Gray whales (to give birth)
- Pacific salmon (to lay eggs)
- Monarch butterflies (climate)

Hibernation - a period when an animal goes into a long, deep “sleep”

Examples of animals that hibernate:

- Ground squirrel
- North American bats
- Black bear
- Frogs
- Snakes

Learned Behaviors

- an activity that a creature is not born knowing how to do.

Examples of learned behaviors:

- Tiger cubs watching their mothers to learn how to hunt
- Chimps learning the meanings of sounds for communication