

# The Good Life of Birds

## ASU Chain Reactions Article Discussion Questions



**Instructions:** Read the article “The Good Life of Birds” by James Hathaway in the ASU Chain Reaction magazine volume 4. [http://chainreactionkids.org/files/issues/4/chreact4\\_p16\\_17.pdf](http://chainreactionkids.org/files/issues/4/chreact4_p16_17.pdf) . In small groups, discuss the article and summarize the results. Then answer the questions below.

1. What results did the researchers discover?

2. Which variables did the researchers control in their study? How?

3. What hypotheses did the researchers propose to explain the patterns they observed?

4. What about people's lifestyles might affect bird distribution in this way? Generate your own hypotheses that could explain these patterns?

5. How would you design a new study to test your best hypothesis?