

@ HOME SCIENCE DISCOVERY MISSIONS – Birds Watching



What Do We Need?

- Balcony overlooking the river (can be any place where birds of your chosen type can reside), binoculars (not necessarily have to be if the distance is proximate), camera, (preferably) notebook for making notes.



Where to begin and How can I do it?

During the initial watching period here are a few things to concentrate on:

- where can I see this bird?
- What is its size?
- how does its size compare to other birds around it?
- what colours and patterns does its plumage & bare body parts (bill, legs, claws etc.) have?
- what can the bird be doing? (perching, singing, feeding, preening)
- what does it eat?
- Note if the bird can be alone, in a pair, or in a flock?
- what can be its song or call like?

Did you know?
Swans mate for life



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YOUR MISSION REPORT

Bird watching place was chosen near the river Levuo in Pasvalys, Lithuania. The place goes along the river where you are able to see lots of water birds as swans, ducks, geese, grebes, fields and also a number of some exotic species - eagle, whooper swan, black stork and others.

My main interest was the SWANS easily found along the banks of the river Levuo with its varied birdlife and wildfowl including a regular flock of Steller's Eiders. The migration of wildfowl along the Levuo is impressive with huge flocks of migrant geese, ducks and swans. In addition to this, I had an excellent chance of observing a woodpecker and a stork.

*My Discoveries and Observations before and after the process of birds watching:
The SWAN*

Swans are birds of the family ANATIDAE with the genus CYGNUS. The Swans' closest relatives include the geese and ducks.

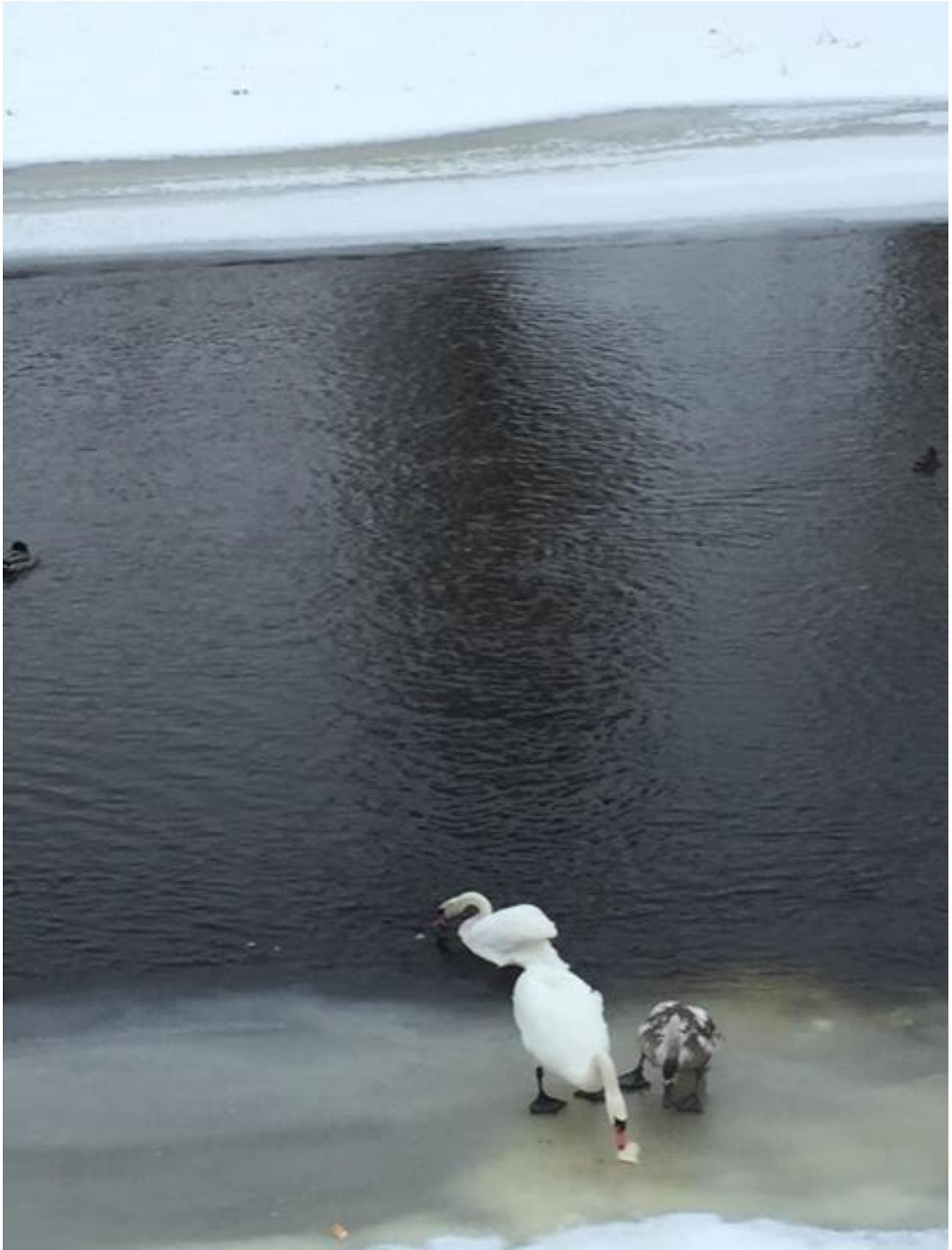
Many Swans live in colder places, such as Northern Europe, Asia, Northern America. They live on water. They swim on top of the water and eat plants off the bottom of ponds, rivers, lakes. They also eat insects and other small animals. Swans are large in size and have large feet and long necks. The males are usually bigger and heavier than females.

Some of them can be over 1m long and weigh over 10 kg.

















Student feedback - How did you like this mission?



not at all



not much



a bit



liked it



liked it a lot



liked it best

Family feedback - How did you like this mission?



not at all



not much



a bit



liked it



liked it a lot



liked it best

Did you use the 'Learn more!' resources?

Yes

No

What was good/bad about this mission? The mission was thrilling. I have learned a lot about the subject of my investigation. The knowledge I got helped me act better at school, I had confidence telling my friends and the teacher about what I had found out and discovered.