

Dear Pollinator Friends,



Read the 5 diary passages to figure out the location of our pollinator friend, the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird. As a helpful tool, use Map A and Map B on page 2. Both maps will serve as a guide to help you locate the migration route of our hummingbird! When ready, complete the questions on page 3.



March 02, 2022

As I start my migration north, I am at a large lake. I want to make sure I am ready for a big flight. The Gulf of Mexico is to the west of me.

I am between the two cities, Miami and Tampa. I can smell the orange blossoms that have bloomed here. What state am I visiting?



March 26, 2022

I have made it to my second stop. My wings are tired and I found some beautiful barrier islands to rest at, the Sea Islands. I love to stop here because my favorite nectar is here! This state flower is shaped tubular, which makes it easy for me to drink from. I love to drink from these Yellow Jessamine flowers. The North Atlantic Ocean is to my east. What state am I in?



April 11, 2022

I have stopped in an area with high elevation. I'm located in the Appalachian Mountains. Did you know this mountain range was formed over 480 million years ago?! There are lots of pink and white flowering dogwoods to drink from. The Cumberland Plateau is to the left of me. I am currently on Mount Rogers. What state am I in?



April 26, 2022

From the mountains, I headed north-east and landed in a city close to the North Atlantic Ocean! I'm in a city full of history and where the Declaration of Independence was signed. In fact, I even got to visit the Liberty Bell. In the summer, there will be lots of Mountain Laurel flowers that will bloom here. Even though I am not in the capitol city of Harrisburg, there are lots of people here. What state am I in?



May 07, 2022

I have made it to my last stop! I am at the Great Lakes. This area is located right at the border of Canada. I made a nest where there is a big waterfall and I have heard people call it the Maid of the Mist. There are lots of blooming red roses here. Did you know red is my favorite color?! Even though I don't drink nectar from roses, there are lots of insects to eat here because of the large amount of water. What state am I in?



Canada



Map A



Map B

Directions: The key map below shows you R.T. Hummingbird's route. Use the map to list in order the states that R.T. Hummingbird visited on his migration route.

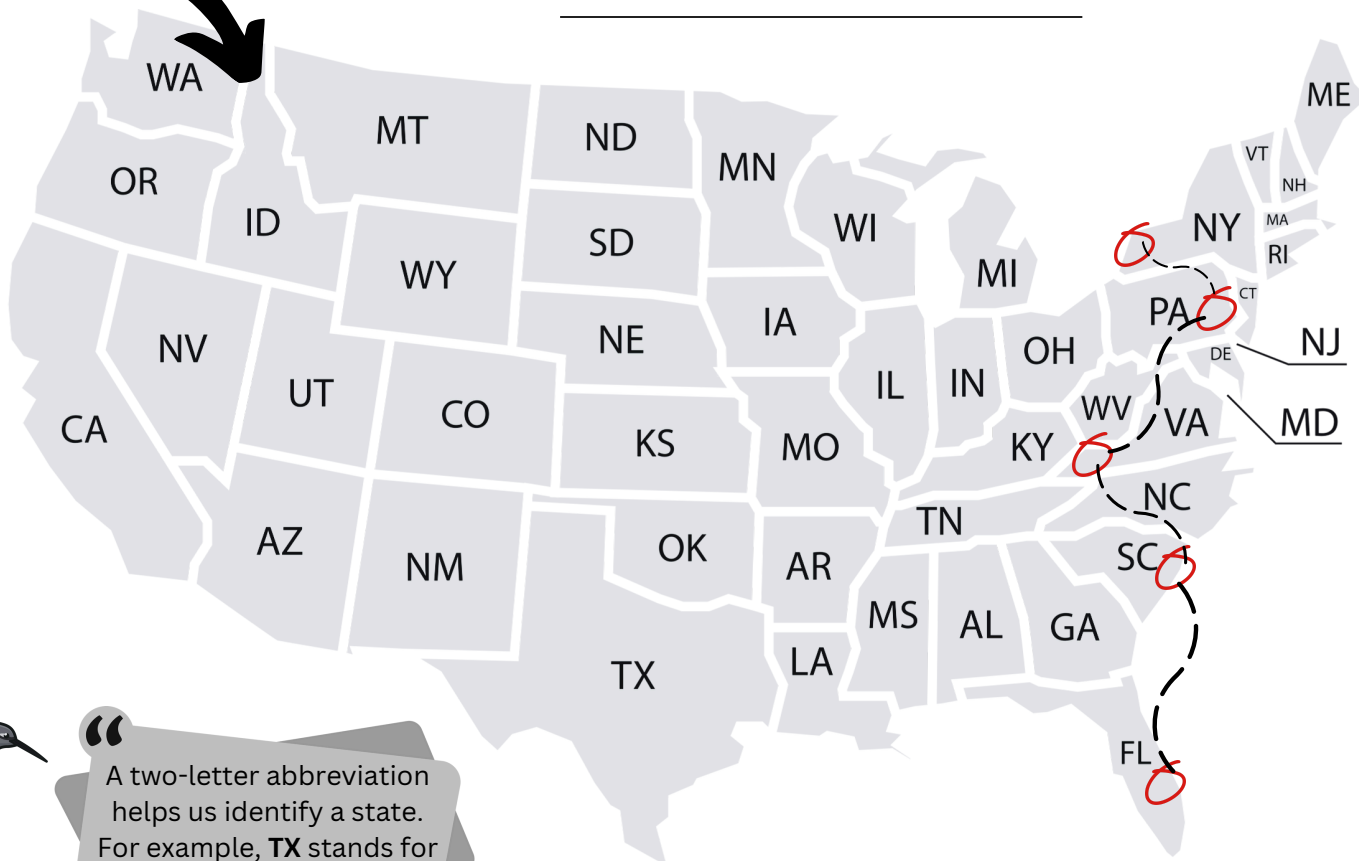


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- 2. _____
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I Wonder...

Based on the diary passages and the map, where do you think R.T. Hummingbird is heading to next?

Key Map



“ A two-letter abbreviation helps us identify a state. For example, **TX** stands for the state **Texas**! ”