Title	Astonishing Marvels of Migration
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Target audience	Professionals / General / Family / Youth / Children

Migration brings such creatures into great dangers such that evolution has no answer to the key issues of navigation and survivability, especially when animals are making journeys they have never made before. This talk shows that such marvels teach us to glorify the God of Scripture.

Migrating creatures remarkably know where to go, as they move across the globe. Some birds migrate vast distances measured in thousands of miles, with a number doing this across open waters. Just how do they do this? Not only must they know how much food (fuel) to eat to get to where they are going, they also need to find their way with no iphone to guide them! The earth's magnetic field is crucial and amazingly, a number of birds leave their young behind to make the long journeys on their own having never done this before! Without mum and dad to guide them, they somehow know how much to eat, plus they know exactly where to go on the "map" imprinted on their brains. This stunning ability beats the most sophisticated man-made GPS!

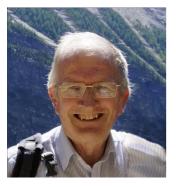
But it is not just birds which migrate – many land creatures migrate and also sea creatures. In one talk we can only cover some of these creatures and we will major on turtles, butterflies and birds.

Main points

- 1. Introduction Some of the extraordinary journeys made in the natural world. Reference to many creatures which migrate.
- 2. Turtle migration
- 3. Butterfly migration
- 4. Bird Migration
- 5. Extreme distances travelled by some birds.
- 6. What you need to make a long journey? Map / Compass / / where you are on that map / Right amount of fuel
- 7. Use of the magnetic field of the earth
- 8. Lessons for us for we also have to make a Journey.

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Higher Educational award for the Outstanding Contribution to Innovation and Technology. His work has also included investigations into the fundamental link between thermodynamics and

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Andy lectures widely on origins showing that true science is entirely consistent with a biblical view of origins. He has also authored the books *Genesis for Today* (Day One, 6th Edition, 2017), *A verse by verse examination of Genesis 1-11* (Day One, 2016) and has contributed to a number of other books including *Wonders of Creation—Design in a fallen world* (co-authored with Stuart Burgess and Brian Edwards, Day One, 2017), *Origins—examining the evidence* (Truth in Science, 2011), *In six days* (Master Books, 2009) and *Should Christians embrace Evolution?* (IVP, 2009). He has also written the booklet *Are you really an Atheist?* (2018), co-authored the booklets *Is it True—Evidence for Creation* (2018) and *A wonder of Creation—the Kingfisher* (2024), and is co-director of the UK education think tank *Truth in Science*. He is married with 4 children (one of whom died in infancy), and 7 grandchildren.

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