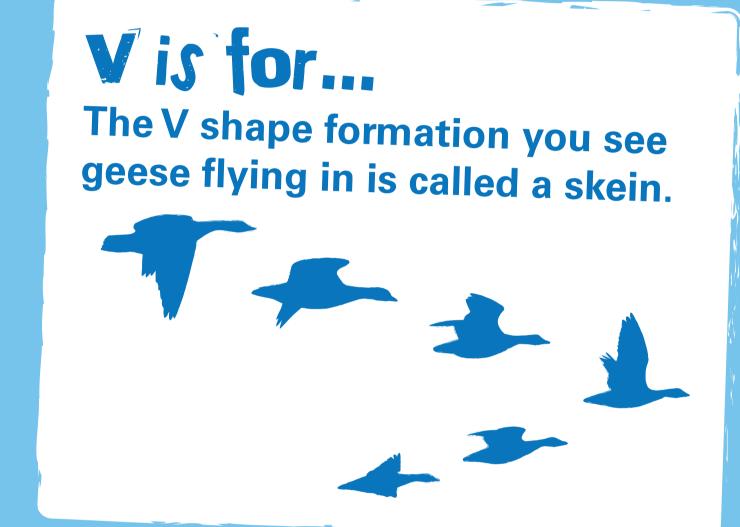


Greenland white-fronted geese are probably one of our rarest geese. Every year the entire population makes the epic journey all the way from Greenland to spend the winter months in a handful of locations in the UK and Ireland. How lucky are we here that almost 200 of these amazing creatures choose right here at Ken-Dee Marshes as their winter home?!



Follow the leader

The goose at the front of the skein leads the other geese on their epic journey. By flying in the V formation all the geese can keep a clear view of the hief navigator to make sure they don't get lost!

Energy efficient

As well as looking pretty awesome in the sky the V shape is also energy efficient. The geese at the front of the skein reduce the drag for their geese gang behind them, making it a little easier for those further back.

Creatures of habit

Just like lots of us have favourite places we like to visit again and again, geese like to return to familiar places too! On their migration journeys they visit the same stop off points and settle at the same spots every year.



Teamwork makes the dream work

It would be a long, hard slog being lead goose for the entire trip from Greenland. Luckily the geese are excellent team players. To save one goose getting too puffed out they take turns at taking the lead!

We are family

It's been reported that extended families stay together for up to a decade. And like humans, older geese take on the role of grandparents! Do you think Granny and Grandpa Goose spoil the younger members of their families as much as humans do?

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What's in a name

In North America, they are known as "Specklebelly" due to the salt-and-pepper appearance of their bellies.



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ice cap to get to and from their breeding grounds.

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Greenland The geese must cross the

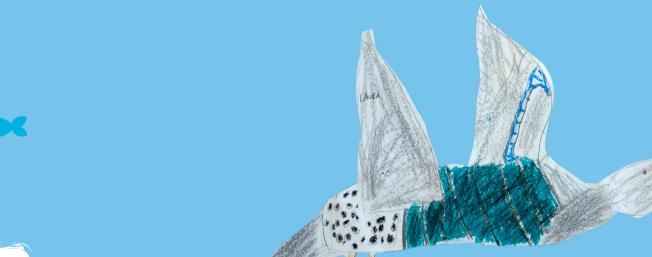
2700m high Greenland

Breeding Stop off Winter

. and then another couple of days to fly the 1450 km from Iceland to west Greenland where they nest.

> They take 1-2 days to fly 1500 km from the Solway in Scotland to south west





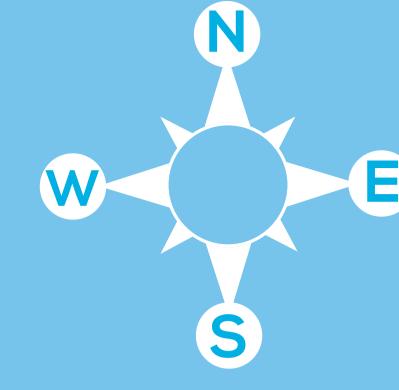
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