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# What are the animals up to?



This is a busy time of year for animals, they are looking for food, building warm homes, or moving south for the winter. Each animal spends the winter months a little differently. Some birds, like geese and robins, migrate south to warmer places. Some animals, like chipmunks and bears, will enter a deep sleep called torpor (they don't actually hibernate!). Others, like squirrels and chickadees, will stay awake for the whole season. This week spend some time watching the animals as they get ready for the cold season and try to guess what they will do during the winter based on what they are doing right now. Do you see them gathering nuts and seeds and then hiding them in the forest? Are they digging underground homes? Or are they gathering together in huge groups for a long trip?

Fill out the chart below with who you think will hibernate, migrate, or acclimate.

Hibernate/Torpor	Migrate	Acclimate

