Migration Station #4: Collisions with Structures (Montgomery Inn Sandwich Shop)

**Amazing Race!**
Avoiding Collisions

**Materials**
Set of upside-down pots set in a straight line with two feet separating each cone
Blindfold (many) – keep used blindfolds separate from unused so can be laundered
Chalk to mark position of cones on sidewalk – draw around the base of the cones

**Let the Race Begin**
Explain that when you flew through this area last fall, the place looked very different. But more tall buildings, cell phone towers and other man-made structures are in your way. You don’t even recognize where you are. You’ll have to fly carefully through the area to avoid a collision (crash) with one of these structures. They could prevent you from finishing your migration. You might not even be able to fly. How helpless would you feel?

Choose one of your “flock” to represent you in this activity. The others can cheer and encourage you as you avoid collisions. Stand at the left side of the first pot. Put the blindfold on and carefully move through the man-made obstacles. If you knock one over, you have had a deadly collision and won’t survive. If you move one off its spot, you survive but are injured. Your classmates will help you by telling you how to proceed.

Classmates – give clear, calm directions to help him/her avoid obstacles in the way to a successful migration. Shouting will only cause confusion and make the journey very dangerous.

What can you, your class and family do to help birds as they migrate through our area? Can you make their journey a little easier?