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## **It's time for the fall tundra swan migration!** **New release *Whistling Wings* is here to help kids get involved**

**MT. PLEASANT, S.C. (October 15, 2008)** - Between mid-October and mid-December, approximately 25,000 tundra swans pass through the Upper Mississippi River valley on their way from their Arctic breeding grounds to the Chesapeake Bay. The swans stop to rest at staging areas in Alma, Wisconsin and near Weaver, Minnesota, making tundra swan viewing a popular activity for families and educators.

The fall tundra swan migration is the subject of *Whistling Wings*, a new picture book by Minnesota resident Laura Goering. One thousand miles is a long way to fly—too long for a young swan named Marcel, who hides in the rushes to stay behind while his parents and the flock continue south. But with the lake nearly frozen over, he soon realizes that he is not cut out for life on ice. Other animals offer advice about how to survive the winter, but their ways of living aren't right for the swan. Hungry and scared, he falls asleep—only to be awakened by a big surprise!

So what are some migration watch tips from Goering? "If bird watching can be frustrating for a relatively patient, bird-loving adult, imagine what it must be like for a young child. Fortunately, there is a way to make birding fun and easy for everyone: find a place where there are so many birds, you can't miss them," she said, and that is why the coming fall migration is such a priceless opportunity for teachers and parents. Specifics are readily available on the web at Alma Tundra Swan Watch, <http://www.almaswanwatch.org/index.asp>.

*Whistling Wings* is published by Sylvan Dell Publishing, a company specializing in "Science and Math Through Literature." All titles are vetted for accuracy, and free supplemental parent/teacher resources are available on the company website. For more information about Laura Goering and *Whistling Wings* or to schedule an interview, contact Sara Dobie, Public Relations, at [SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com](mailto:SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com) or visit Goering's website at <http://lauragoering.com/>.

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