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Navigation in nature

Arctic terns (pictured) are among many animals that travel huge distances every year, returning to the same place each time. How do they find their way? Scientists believe that this ability must be instinctive in some animals, such as salmon, because they are not guided by a parent. They think that the fish might recognise the smell of the river they came from. According to current theories, some migrating birds, like the tern, could use the Earth’s magnetic field or the sun as a guide. Studies have shown that in some species, older birds are more successful navigators. This could mean that birds learn with experience or they react to weather conditions. In fact, instinct can’t be the whole story: a flock of young geese once learned their migration route by following a human in a plane.