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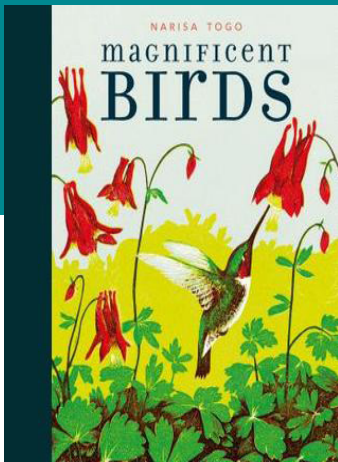
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Primary, Intermediate,
Young Adult

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30

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Narisa Togo's *Magnificent Birds* is a beautifully illustrated non-fiction book of birds, both familiar and rare. The book highlights fourteen different species of birds from all over the world, giving information about their physical characteristics and unique behaviors. For example, did you know that the ruby-throated hummingbird may eat twice its body weight in a given day to maintain its energy? Or that the wandering albatross has the largest wingspan of any modern bird? The book puts a special spotlight on conservation efforts being made to protect these birds, many of which are endangered.

The birds aren't the only "magnificent" thing in this book; the linocut print illustrations are breathtaking and dynamic. In addition to being beautiful, the book is very informative, giving genuinely interesting facts about each bird. Each is given a couple paragraphs of detail, making this book a great resource for the classroom animal projects or a great science-themed story time. The book also serves as a great way to talk with children about endangered species. Younger kids would enjoy the colorful illustrations but may not appreciate or understand the scientific vocabulary. This beautiful book shows its readers that nature is infinitely intriguing.