



# NATURALLY FLORIDA FUN

## EPISODE SUMMARY

American white pelicans are one of the largest birds in North America with wingspans up to 9.5 feet. These majestic birds migrate to Florida for winter feeding grounds, before retreating north and west for breeding season. Floridians may see white pelicans feeding in shallow water or soaring across the sky in silent flying V's.

## KEY TERMS

Use the back of this page to define the following words based on information in the episode. Verify your answer using a dictionary.

- Melanin
- Genus
- Species
- Breeding
- Migrate
- Courtship

**WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TOPIC?**

**What is one thing you learned?**

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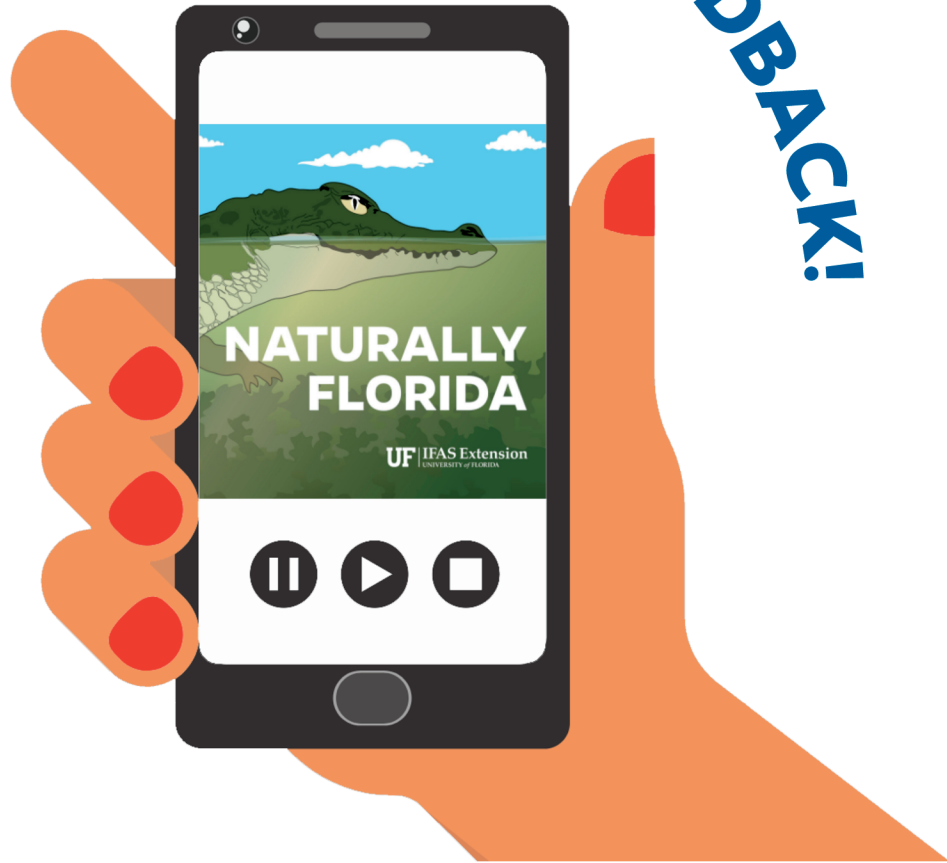
**Step 3.** Answer questions on this page, and if time permits, use the discussion questions below to have a conversation with your classmates, teacher or group leader.

**Describe one thing you can do at home or in your community to support pelicans:**

## DISCUSSION/RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think some birds migrate and others don't?
- 2) Why do you think pelicans are an important species in Florida's ecosystems?

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