Drag [Bird Comp] to create a new comp icon.
Set the Composition settings to 1000 by 1000 pixels.
Duration 30 seconds
Name: [Bird_Flock]

Bird layer Scale property 20%
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Collapse Transformations switch

Position property of Bird layer
02:15 Alt+Click to add expression —
wiggle (1, 30)
expression for Position of the Bird layer

02:50 Motion blur icon — switch it on —
turn it on for the composition
Tell AE to show us the blur (from the bird comp)

Ctrl+d duplicate the bird layer
Reposition the duplicate to new —
repeat 10 to 20 times to get a FLOCK of birds

He also scaled them up or down a few % points — to make look different
04:15 Move bird layers back in time so wings are not all synchronized. (Why was the time "padded" to be much longer (30 seconds) than ever needed?)

05:00 Back in AE in the Main-Comp which is the DSC00205.jpg animated layer (forestSky.jpg)

Is the Main-Comp 640 x 480

Duration 10:00

30fps

Position 335.0, 212.0  263.0, 212.0

The forest is moving at 00:00 Scale of JPG (forest) 37.0, 37.0, 37.0 at 03:24

05:12 Add Bird-Flock Comp to the main-comp

5 to Scale the layer—try 12.0% to make it about right size.

30 layer and collapse transformations for this bird-flock layer—
Turn on Motion Blur for the composition.

06:00 Animate Position for the flock layer — flying right to left
on right side of comp
perhaps off or just entering.
off left side of comp
having flown out of view

06:25 Black color too sharp
Effect > Color Correction > Tint
He chose a dark blue
Swatch vs Eye dropper

Effect > Blur and Sharpen > Gaussian Blur
Set Blurriness to 1.0
(try 10 and 20 — then set it to 1.0 or 20)

07:32 Select Bird—Flock layer Ctrl-d to Duplicate it.
Move the bird flock to new position on KF #1 (x and y and z)
Vips: Be sure PARKED on the KF
Drag layer back in time so its not synchronized with other flock
In the duplicated bird flock layer, drag the 2nd position KF farther down the timeline—this effectively will SLOW DOWN the flock. It can take 1-2 or 3 extra seconds to reach the left side of the animation.

Two bird flocks flying from A to B or from B to A.

B reaches B at 5 seconds
A reaches A at 7 seconds

Clearly, B will catch and pass A somewhere during the animation.