



Activity Guide: Bird Watching in Your Neighborhood

Purpose: Connect scientific observation to the ecosystems in your neighborhood.

Museum Connection: We are curious, creative and playful!

Main Idea: There are many different types of birds in Colorado.

Sources:

Merlin Bird Identification App -

https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/?gclid=EAAlQobChMI69v578PM6AIV1R-tBh3obgJ0EAAYASACEgJSuPD_BwE

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Birding Resources - <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Birds.aspx>

Materials:

Item	Quantity
Birding Science Journal	1 per observer
Pencil	1 per observer
Optional: Bird Identification Book	1 per group
Optional: Camera	1 per group
Optional: Binoculars	1 per group

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Print at least one copy of your Birding Science Journal with pictures
2. Go on a birding walk in your neighborhood.
3. Write in your journal: How many birds did you see? What kinds of birds did you see? Where were they (in a tree, on the ground, flying, etc.)?
4. Take pictures of any birds you can't identify, or write down a description of the bird.
5. Continue birding for one whole week. Choose different times of day and keep a record of what you see and hear on your Birding Journal.
6. Research any birds you can't identify using the resources above.
7. At the end of the week (or day), draw a picture of the birds in your neighborhood. Include where you saw them, their colors and markings, and label your drawing with bird names.
8. Frame it! Stick it on your fridge!

My Birding Science Journal

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Today I found this many birds:

- _____ American Robin(s)
- _____ American Crow(s)
- _____ Red-Winged Blackbird(s)
- _____ Black-Capped Chickadees(s)
- _____ Black-Crowned Night Heron(s)
- _____ Snowy Egret(s)
- _____ Mallard Duck(s)
- _____ Canada Goose/Geese
- _____ Double-Crested Cormorant(s)
- _____ Common Grackle(s)

**Have unidentified Birds or Specimens? Draw a Sketch
Below!**



Red-Winged Blackbird



Mallard Duck



Canada Goose



American Robin



Snowy Egret



American Crow



Black-Crowned Night Heron



Double-Crested Cormorant