

Bird Count Activity

Grade: Fifth



Location(s):

Any outdoor area where birds are present.

Activity Length:

30-60 minutes

Materials:

- Garbage bag (encourage students to leave site better than they found it)
- Bird Count Data Sheet (attached)
- Pencils
- Clipboards
- Binoculars
- Bird ID books or ID Sheets for local birds









Activity:










- Discuss the local environment and introduce the most common local birds through calls and/or images (Dipper, Belted Kingfisher, etc.)
- Pass out binoculars, field guides
- Search for birds and record all data

Compiled by FRJUSD teachers and Spring Rivers Foundation.



Common Birds

Category	Examples	Category Examples
Blackbirds and Cowbirds		
Crows and Ravens		
Eagles		Bald, Golden
Falcons		Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine, Prairie,
Quails, Grouse, and Relatives		Pheasants, Grouse, Turkey, Quail
Hawk-Like Raptors		Hawks, Osprey, Kites, Harriers,
Hérons, Egrets, Ibis		Bitterns, Herons, Egrets, Green Heron, Black-Crowned Night-Heron, Ibis, Gulls
Hummingbirds		
Jays and Relatives		Stellar's, Scrub, Grey, Pinyon, Clark's Nutcracker, Magpies,

Category	Examples	Category Examples
Owls		Great Horned, Barn, Screech, Short-Eared, Northern Saw-Whet
Pigeons and Doves		
Robins		
Starlings		
Finches		
Other Songbirds & Perching Birds		Nuthatches, Swallows, Wrens, Vireos, Titmice, Shrikes, Larks, Bushtits, Flycatchers, Martins, Creepers, Chickadees,
Turkey Vultures		
Waterfowl		Ducks, Geese, Pelicans, Cormorants, Grebes, Rails, Coots
Woodpeckers and Sapsuckers		Lewis's, Acorn, Williamson's, Nuttall's, Downy, Hairy, Flicker, Pileated, Sapsucker

Name _____

Bird Record Sheet

Bird Type	Bird Description (If you don't know the bird type.)	Location of Bird	Time Seen	Date Seen



Name _____

Bird Type Table

Bird Type	Tally	Total

Calculations and Notes:



Name _____

Backyard Bird Study

Number of Birds

