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Welcome to the Feathered & Famous Educator Activity Pack

This activity pack was designed to bring the joy of birdwatching and the wonder of America's most symbolic birds into the hands—and hearts—of curious learners ages 6–12. Whether you're teaching in a classroom, guiding homeschool lessons, leading a nature program, or working with an afterschool group, this pack offers 20+ flexible, fun, and interdisciplinary activities that pair beautifully with the book **Feathered & Famous: Meet America's All-Star State Birds**, by Gail Martino.

From the majestic Bald Eagle to official state ducks, raptors, game birds, and more, students will explore the feathered icons that represent the spirit and diversity of the United States. The activities engage learners through drawing, writing, listening, observing, moving, and playing—making them naturally accessible to a variety of learning styles and educational settings.

What This Pack Covers

These activities support early elementary skills across the following areas:

- **Science & Nature Study** (observation, classification, adaptations)
- **Geography & Social Studies** (state birds, habitats, mapping)
- **Language Arts** (vocabulary, comprehension, creative writing)
- **Critical Thinking** (quizzes, comparisons, inference)
- **Creative Arts & Movement** (coloring, charades, sound mimicking)

How to Use This Pack

- Use the Table of Contents to select activities by subject area or theme.
- Teacher's Tips are included with most pages to support differentiation and extension.
- Present one activity or build a multi-day unit.
- Celebrate student progress with the Certificate of Achievement.

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Worksheet: My Birdwatching Journal



My Birdwatching Journal

Name: _____ Date: _____

Where are you birdwatching today?

Birds I Observed: _____

My Questions: _____

Drawing: Draw a picture of your favorite bird you saw today!



Teacher's Tips:

- This activity works outdoors, indoors, or online (try bird cams like those from Cornell Lab of Ornithology).
- For early writers, encourage drawing or dictating their observations.
- Extend by having students share their journals in small groups or circle time.



Bird Behavior Observation

Name: _____ Date: _____

Where are you birdwatching today? (Location: backyard, park, schoolyard, window, live cam, etc.)

Bird Name (if known)	What the Bird Was Doing	Bird Description (Color, Size, Behavior)	My Questions



Teacher's Tips:

- Works well with live cams or nature walks.
- Encourage younger students to focus on colors and actions even if they can't identify species.
- Older students can research unknown birds using field guides or birding apps.

Worksheet: Bird Call Sound Hunt

Bird Call Sound Hunt

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Use your ears to go birdwatching! Listen outside, through an open window, or with a live bird cam. Each time you hear one of these sounds, check it off:

Sound	Heard It! (☒)
Chirping	
Whistling	
Trilling	
Cawing	
Screeching	
Honking	
Warbling	
Singing	
Clicking	
Squawking	

Bonus Challenge:

- Try to guess what bird made each sound!



Teacher's Tips:

- This activity works indoors or outdoors. Try online bird sound libraries or live cams (e.g., from Cornell Lab of Ornithology).
- Students can imitate each sound after hearing it—great for group engagement and auditory learners!
- For younger students, model a few sounds to get them started.

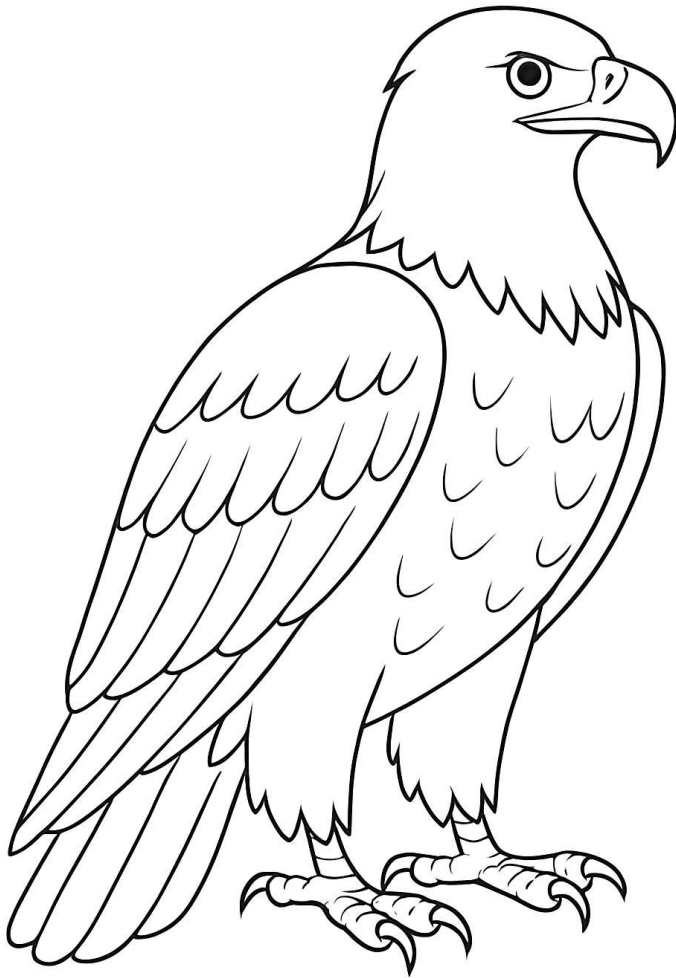
Worksheet: Bird Anatomy



Bird Anatomy Labeling

Name: _____ Date: _____

Label the parts of the bird using the word bank below.



Word Bank:

Beak

Eye

Head

Wing

Tail

Talon

Belly

Back



Teacher's Tips:

- For emerging readers, read the words aloud together and label as a group.
- Extend the activity by having students color the bird or compare body parts to another animal (e.g., a fish or mammal).

Worksheet: Bird Adaptations Matching



Bird Adaptations Matching

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a line to match each bird body part to its special purpose!

Matching

Body Part	Purpose
Beak	Flying or gliding
Talons	Balancing and steering in flight
Wings	Catching prey or gripping branches
Feathers	Keeping warm and waterproofing
Tail	Eating food



Teacher's Tips:

- Start with a discussion or slideshow of birds with different features (e.g., pelican's beak vs. hawk's talons).
- Ask: "Why does this bird need that body part?" to guide deeper thinking.
- Encourage students to draw or color one bird and label its key adaptations.

Worksheet: Bird Habitat Sorting



Bird Habitat Sorting

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a line to match each bird to its main habitat.

Bird

Brown Pelican

Cactus Wren

Common Loon

Northern Cardinal

Willow Ptarmigan

Habitat

Woodlands and Gardens

Tundra and Arctic Regions

Desert

Lakes and Ponds

Ocean/Coastline



Teacher's Tips:

- Before the activity, review basic habitat types with visuals (photos, maps, or posters).
- Challenge students to find a local bird not on this list and describe its habitat.
- For younger learners, turn this into a cut-and-paste matching activity.

Worksheet: Research Your State Bird



Research Your State Bird

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Find out more about your state bird!

State: _____ **State Bird(s):** _____

Research Questions:

1. What colors are on your state bird?
2. Does the male and female look the same or different?
3. What sounds does it make?
4. Where does your bird live? (Habitat)
5. What does your bird eat?
6. What kind of nest does your bird build?
7. What color is your bird's eggs?
8. What is something special your bird can do?
9. Draw your state bird (on a separate piece of paper).



Teacher's Tips:

- Students can use books, trusted websites, or classroom posters to find information.
- This works well as a homework project or group activity.
- Younger students can use simplified resources or work with a partner.
- For extension, compare your state bird to a neighboring state's bird.

Worksheet: Name that Bird!



Name That Bird!

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Test your knowledge of bird symbols from across the United States!

1. What is the State Bird of Maine?
2. What is the State Bird of Arizona?
3. What is the State Bird of Texas?
4. What is the State Bird of New York?
5. What is the official State Duck of Florida?
6. What is the official State Game Bird of Alabama?
7. What is the official State Raptor of Utah?
8. What is the State Bird of Hawaii?
9. What state is known for the peace bird, the Mourning Dove?
10. What is the State Bird of California?



Teacher's Tips:

- Have students use bird books, maps, or classroom posters to look up unfamiliar answers.
- Make it interactive: turn each question into a clue for a classroom scavenger hunt or trivia game.
- For younger groups, offer multiple-choice or a picture bank of possible bird answers.

Worksheet: Your State, Your Choice!



Your State, Your Choice!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Did you know that in some states, young people helped choose the official state bird? Now it's your turn to imagine you're helping to choose a new state symbol!

Instructions:

- Think of a bird, animal, tree, or natural landmark that you think best represents your state.
- Draw your choice in the box below.
- Write 2–5 sentences explaining why you chose it.

My New State Symbol:	Why I Chose It:



Teacher's Tips:

- This activity can be adapted to reflect a real bird from *Feathered & Famous* or encourage creative thinking with any natural symbol.

Worksheet: Your State, Your Choice!



Make Your Voice Heard!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Did you know that students helped New Hampshire choose the Red-tailed Hawk as the official state raptor? You can speak up too! Imagine you want to help your state choose a new bird (or another state symbol). Write a letter to a lawmaker explaining your idea.

Your Letter Plan:

- Who are you writing to? (A senator, governor, or representative in your state)
- What do you want to change or add?(New state bird, raptor, duck, or another state symbol)
- What's the (bird's) name and why is it special?
- How does it represent your state?
- Why should other people care?

Now write your letter! (Don't forget: Start with "Dear [Name]," and end with your name.)



Teacher's Tip:

- Students can mail or display their letters as part of a classroom "State Symbol Campaign."

Worksheet: Fill-in-the-Blank Bird Facts



Worksheet: Fill-in-the-Blank Bird Facts

Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete each sentence using the correct word from the Word Bank.

Word Bank:

Bald Eagle | feathers | beak | wings | nest | symbol | California Quail | Greater Roadrunner
| sing | Eastern Bluebird | Brown Pelican | Northern Cardinal

1. The _____ is the National Bird of the United States.
2. The _____ uses a large pouch to scoop up fish.
3. A bird builds a _____ to lay its eggs.
4. The _____ has bright red feathers and is the state bird of seven states.
5. A bird uses its _____ to eat and carry things.
6. Birds use their _____ to fly.
7. The _____ is known for its ability to run fast on the ground.
8. The _____ is often seen in meadows and wooded edges.
9. A bird can be a _____ that represents one of the United States.
10. Birds have _____ that cover and protect their bodies.
11. Birds often _____ to attract mates or mark territory.
12. The _____ is a small game bird with a topknot on its head.



Teacher's Tips:

- Younger students can work with a partner.
- Older students can challenge themselves without using the word bank.

Worksheet: True-False Comprehension



Feathered & Famous True or False

Name: _____ Date: _____

Decide whether each statement is true or false. Circle "True" or "False."

- 1.The Bald Eagle is the National Bird of the United States. **True / False**
- 2.The Northern Cardinal is the state bird for more states than any other bird. **True / False**
- 3.Young people have helped choose some official state birds. **True / False**
- 4.The Brown Pelican can often be found living in deserts. **True / False**
- 5.The American Robin is the only bird that sings. **True / False**
- 6.Ospreys use their talons to catch fish. **True / False**
- 7.The Meadowlark is famous for its beautiful singing. **True / False**
- 8.The Mountain Bluebird is mostly red in color. **True / False**
- 9.Kentucky was the first state to select an official state bird. **True / False**
- 10.The Common Loon lives near water. **True / False**
- 11.The Northern Flicker is the only state bird that's a woodpecker. **True / False**
- 12.The Northern Cardinal is blue. **True / False**
- 13.The Baltimore Oriole has bright orange and black feathers. **True / False**
- 14.The Goldfinch is the state bird of Iowa. **True / False**
- 15.The Eastern Bluebird is green. **True / False**
- 16.The Mockingbird can mimic sounds it hears. **True / False**
- 17.When birds fly south for the winter is it called "migration". **True / False**
- 18.Some birds, like pelicans, have webbed feet. **True / False**
- 19.A bird's feathers help it stay warm. **True / False**
- 20.The Willow Ptarmigan is the state bird of Washington. **True / False**

Answer key: 1. True, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False, 5. False, 6. True, 7. True, 8. False, 9. True, 10. True, 11. True, 12. False, 13. True, 14. True, 15. False, 16. True, 17. True, 18. True, 19. True, 20. False



Teacher's Tips:

- Great for quick comprehension checks.
- Can be adapted for group discussion or individual work.

Worksheet: Bird Vocabulary Builder



Bird Vocabulary Builder

Name: _____ Date: _____

Match the bird vocabulary word to its correct definition.

Word Bank:

Habitat, Migration, Talon, Crest, Soar, Nest, Plumage, Mimic, Symbol, Preen

Word	Definition
	A home built by birds to lay eggs and raise young
	A seasonal journey birds take to find food and better weather
	The feathers covering a bird's body
	A sharp claw used for catching prey
	To clean and arrange feathers with the beak
	A tall or showy group of feathers on top of a bird's head
	To fly high without much wing flapping
	An object that stands for something important
	The natural home or environment of an animal or plant
	To imitate sounds or behaviors



Teacher's Tips:

- Review the word bank aloud before beginning.
- Use this as a review before reading or after vocabulary appears in the book.

Worksheet: Birdwatcher Word Scramble



Birdwatcher's Word Scramble

Name: _____ Date: _____

Unscramble each bird-related word. For two-word names, unscramble each part separately.

1. STEN _____
2. NOLO _____
3. LQUIA _____
4. DLBA GEELA _____
5. LCAIDARN _____
6. NIPLECA _____
7. RIDBBULE _____
8. KERCAEHID _____
9. DIRBNIGKOCM _____
10. DLIW YEKRUT _____

Answer Key:

1. NEST, 2. LOON, 3. QUAIL, 4. BALD EAGLE, 5. CARDINAL, 6. PELICAN, 7. BLUEBIRD, 8. CHICKADEE, 9. MOCKINGBIRD, 10. WILD TURKEY



Teacher's Tips:

- This is best for advanced learners.
- Read the definitions aloud and have students work in pairs to discuss which word fits best.

Worksheet: Bird Word Search



Bird Word Search

Name: _____ Date: _____

Find the bird names hidden in the puzzle. Circle each one.

(They may go up, down, across, or diagonally.)

Eagle
Robin
Cardinal
Quail
Goldfinch

Pelican
Mockingbird
Bluebird
Oriole
Lark

O	Q	K	O	F	B	Q	A	X	X	G	O	W	Q	C
T	B	O	U	J	T	L	G	B	Z	P	C	J	O	K
O	P	S	T	G	I	Y	L	N	H	M	W	W	A	U
Q	M	C	C	A	O	A	M	O	R	I	O	L	E	K
Z	D	G	U	C	N	L	V	Z	C	E	Q	Y	M	C
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P	E	L	I	C	A	N	S	G	G	J	R	Q	R	M
N	O	A	S	Y	A	O	O	V	O	J	F	D	D	B



Teacher's Tips:

- Use as a quiet time or early finisher activity.
- For younger learners, highlight or pre-mark one word as a warm-up example.

Worksheet: Bird Superpowers

Bird Superpower Comparison

Choose one amazing bird ability from the list below. Then answer the questions to imagine how you'd use that superpower!

Pick one superpower:

- Flying fast (like a Peregrine Falcon)
- Singing beautifully (like a Mockingbird)
- Diving deep (like a Common Loon)
- Seeing far (like a Bald Eagle)
- Singing loud and proud (like a Carolina Wren)
- Running fast (like a Greater Roadrunner)
- Building a nest (like a Baltimore Oriole)

Questions:

- What would you do with this superpower?
- Where would you travel?
- How would you use your bird power to help others?



Teacher's Tips:

- Works great as a writing or sharing prompt.
- Let students act out or present their “bird power” to the class.
- Can be done individually or as a small-group storytelling activity.

Worksheet: Which All-Star Bird Are You? Quiz



Which All-Star Bird Are You? Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the questions and find out which All-Star bird matches your personality!

1. What place do you like best?

- A) Desert B) Ocean C) Mountains D) Wildflower field

2. What superpower sounds the coolest?

- A) Super speed B) Diving C) Super vision D) Being colorful

3. Where would you go on vacation?

- A) Hiking trail B) Beach C) Rocky cliff D) Flower meadow

4. Pick a favorite color:

- A) Brown B) White C) Gray D) Yellow

5. How do you like to travel?

- A) Running B) Gliding over water C) Soaring D) Hopping on branches

6. What sounds tasty?

- A) Insects B) Fish C) Small animals D) Seeds and nectar

7. What's your dream skill?

- A) Winning races B) Perfect diving C) Spotting things D) Singing loudly

8. What's your special talent?

- A) Running fast B) Catching food C) Seeing far D) Being cheerful

9. What kind of weather do you like?

- A) Hot and dry B) Breezy C) Crisp and cool D) Warm and sunny

10. Which word fits you best?

- A) Quick B) Playful C) Brave D) Friendly

Results:

Mostly A's: You are a Roadrunner! (Fast and adventurous)

Mostly B's: You are a Pelican! (Playful and resourceful)

Mostly C's: You are a Bald Eagle! (Powerful and observant)

Mostly D's: You are a Goldfinch! (Bright and cheerful)



Teacher's Tips:

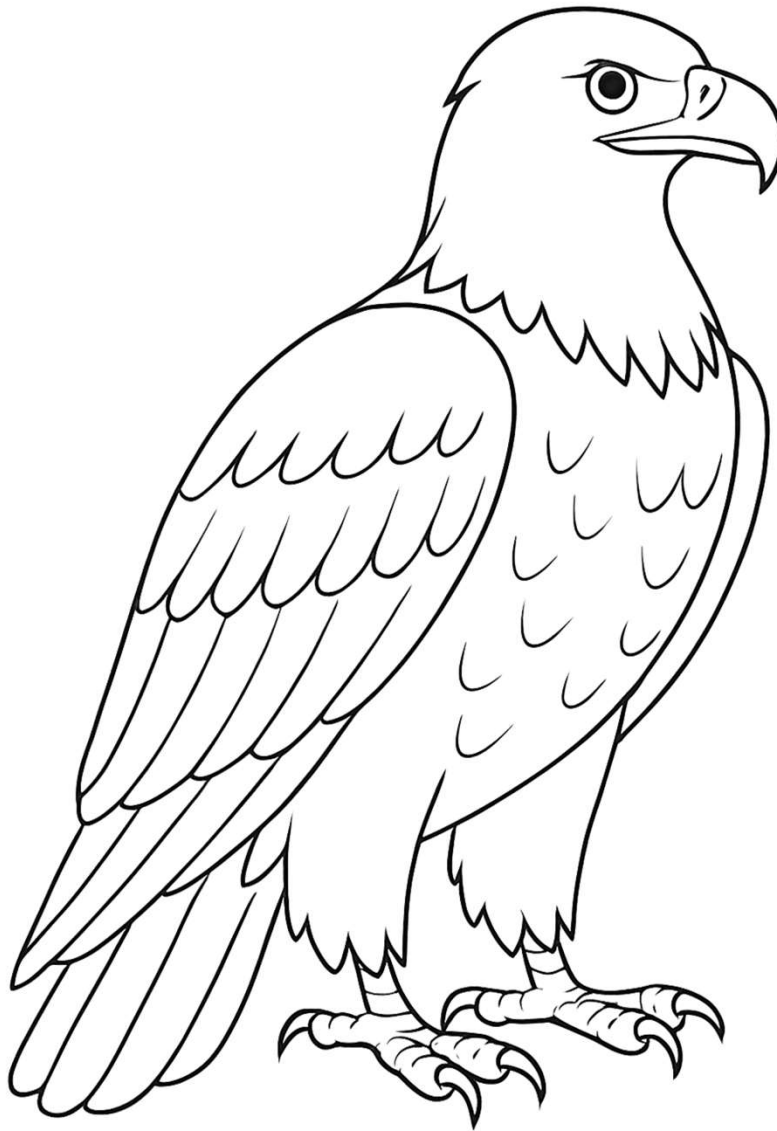
- Fun warm up for class discussion about different bird traits.

 Bird Coloring Pages

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Color these outlined images of some famous state birds:

Bald Eagle

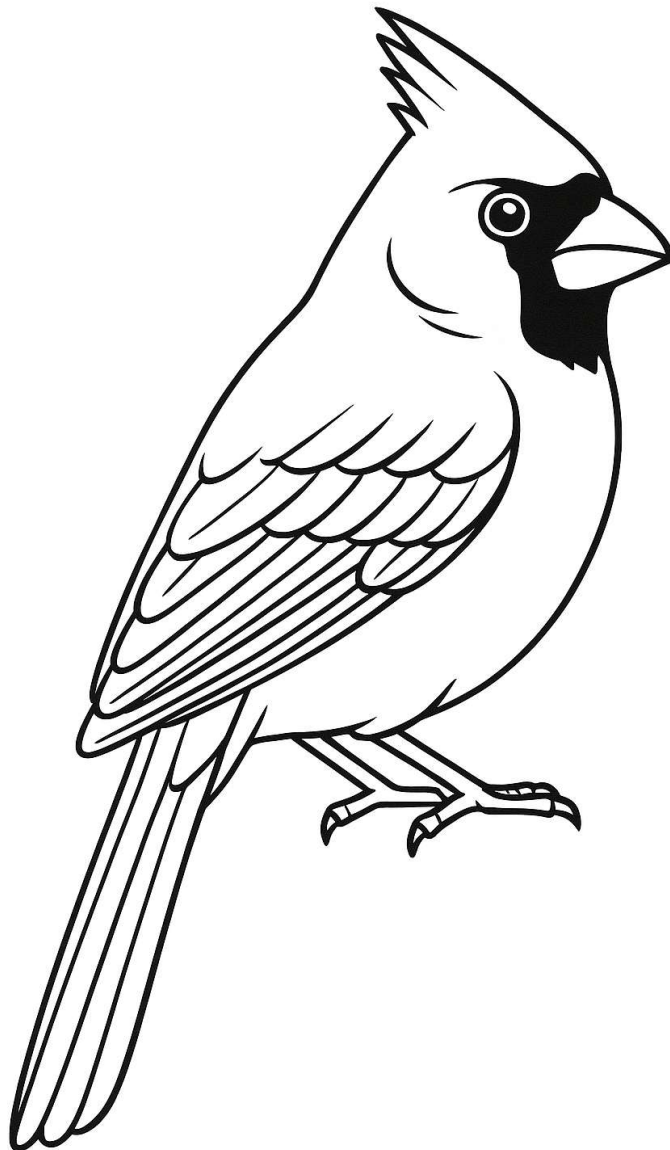


 Bird Coloring Pages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Color these outlined images of some famous state birds:

Northern Cardinal

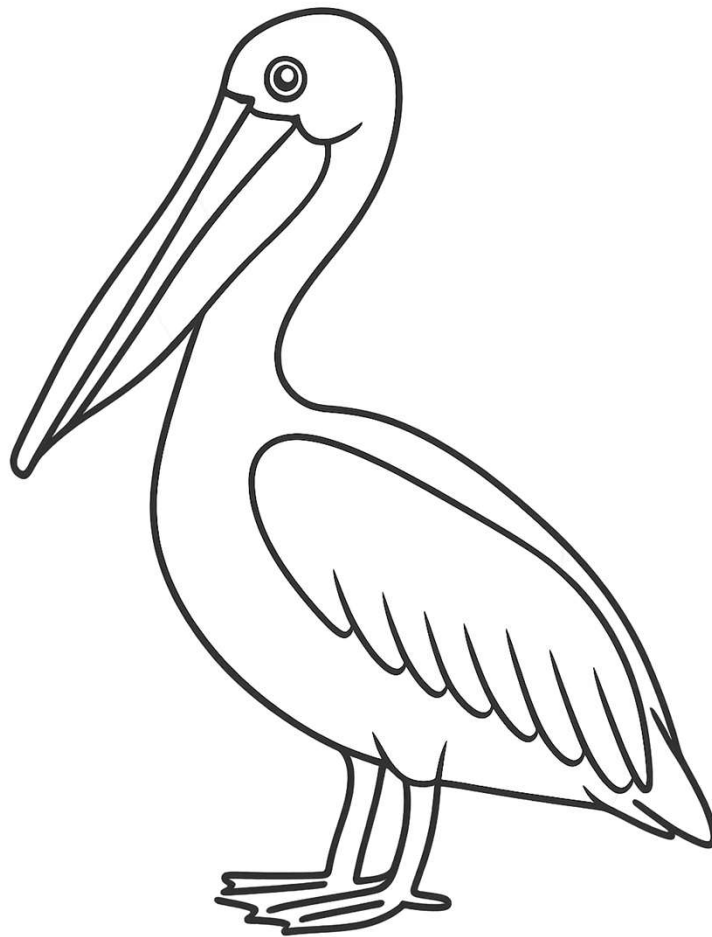


 Bird Coloring Pages

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Color these outlined images of some famous state birds:

Brown Pelican

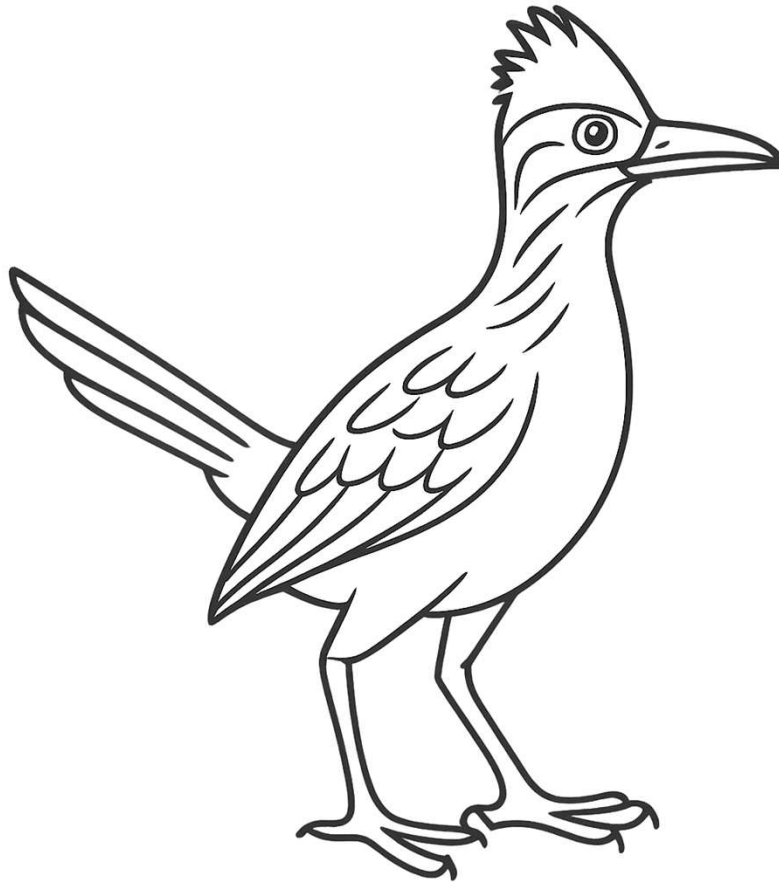


 Bird Coloring Pages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Color these outlined images of some famous state birds:

Greater Roadrunner

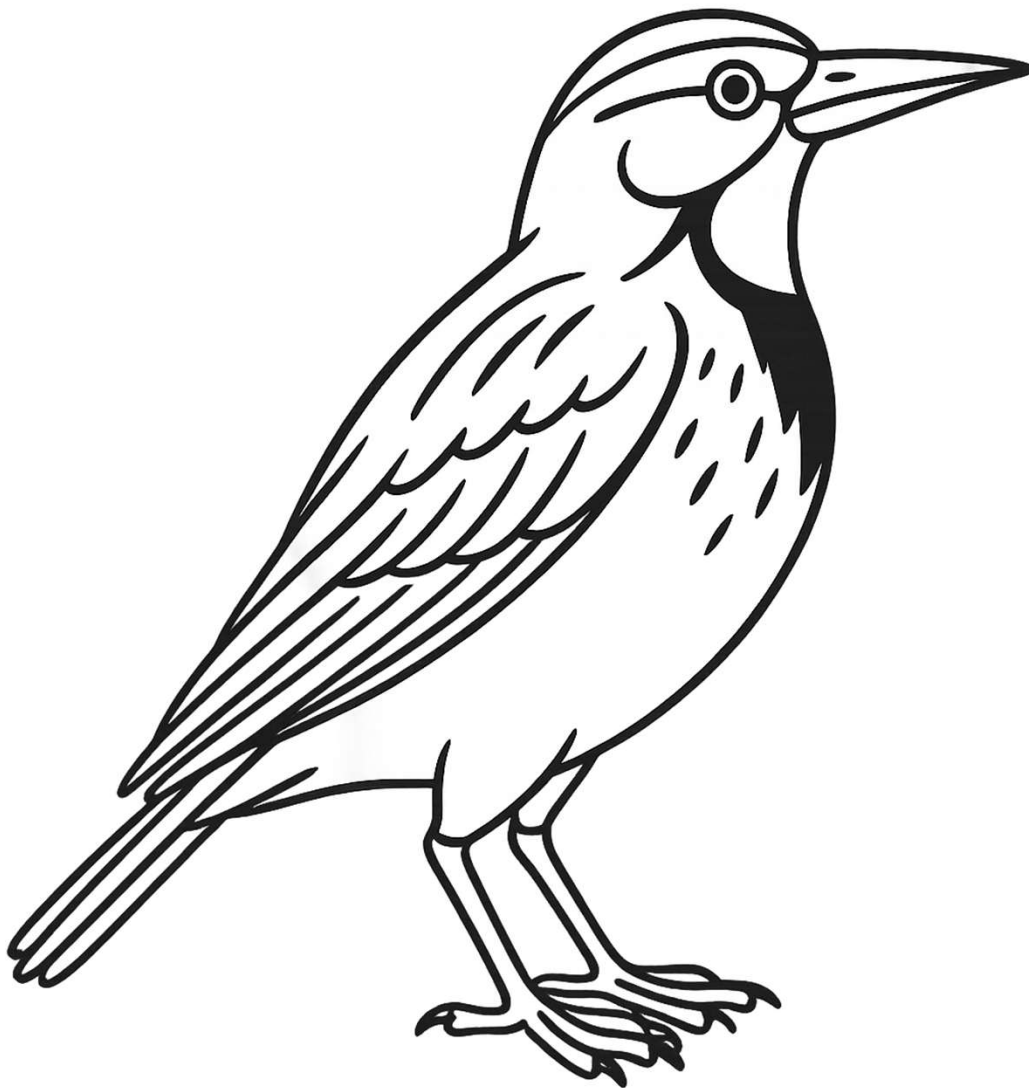


 Bird Coloring Pages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Color these outlined images of some famous state birds:

Western Meadowlark



Worksheet: All-Star Bird Sound and Movement Challenge

All-Star Bird Sound and Movement Challenge

Name: _____ Date: _____

Get ready to listen and move like America's All-Star Birds!

Instructions:

1. Listen to real recordings of the All-Star birds. Your teacher or adult helper can find them online or through a birding app.
2. Imitate the bird's sound as best you can!
3. Now move like the bird: hop, glide, soar, flap, waddle — whatever matches that bird!

Birds to Try:

Bald Eagle
American Robin
Common Loon
Northern Cardinal
Brown Pelican
Greater Roadrunner
Mockingbird
Bluebird
Cactus Wren
Goldfinch

Bonus Challenge:

Team up with a partner or small group and create a "bird show"! Perform your bird sounds and movements for the class or family.



Teacher's Tips:

- This activity is great for indoor or outdoor movement breaks.
- Helps students build listening skills, observation skills, and creative movement.

Worksheet: Bird Behavior BINGO!

Bird Behavior BINGO!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Observe birds outside, from a window, or on a live bird cam. Mark off each bird behavior you see. Try to get five in a row to earn "BIRD BINGO!"

Bird sings	Bird flies overhead	Bird eats something	Bird sits on a branch	Bird hops on the ground
Bird spreads wings	Two birds together	Bird dives into water	Bird preens feathers	Bird calls loudly
Bird pecks at tree	Bird builds or sits in a nest	FREE SPACE	Bird chases another bird	Bird soars high
Bird drinks water	Bird with colorful feathers	Bird with plain feathers	Bird carrying food	Bird perches alone
Bird walks instead of flying	Bird fights with another bird	Bird flaps quickly	Bird lands near water	Bird shakes its feathers



Teacher's Tips:

- Can be used individually or as a class challenge.
- For indoor adaptation, use a bird behavior video or live cam!

Worksheet: Bird Movement Charades



Bird Movement Charades

Name: _____ Date: _____

Bring bird behaviors to life! Act out different bird movements without speaking and let others guess which bird or behavior you are demonstrating.

Instructions:

- Pick a bird movement from the list or let a teacher/parent assign one.
- Without speaking, act out the movement.
- The group guesses which bird behavior you are showing!

Bird Movements to Act Out:

- Soaring like an eagle
- Hopping like a robin
- Pecking like a woodpecker
- Flapping quickly like a hummingbird
- Diving like a pelican
- Singing like a mockingbird
- Strutting like a turkey
- Preening like a duck
- Chasing another bird like a hawk
- Building a nest like a bluebird



Teacher's Tips:

- Great for active learners!
- Can be done indoors or outdoors.
- Option: Create cards with the actions listed and have students draw at random.



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