



Spring Backyard Bird Seek & Find Game

Can you locate all the Birds in the building?

Tree Swallow



Common Grackle



Northern Flicker



American Goldfinch



Yellow Warbler



Chipping Sparrow



American Redstart



House Finch



American Woodcock



Killdeer



Northern Waterthrush



Red-winged Blackbird



American Robin



Ruby-crowned Kinglet



Field Sparrow



About This Bird Seek and Find

Look for the flat cut outs of the birds on the front of this sheet throughout the first and second floors of this building. **No birds are located in the gift store area, or where you view our live eagles.**

Once you have found all the birds, bring this sheet to the front desk to receive a reward.

While doing this scavenger hunt, you have just learned what 15 different bird species (kinda) look like. Did you know there are about 900 different species of birds in North America? Just in Minnesota there are over 400 different species of birds that may be found somewhere in the state!

Several of these birds on the front of this sheet, and many other kinds can be found right in your own backyard, or near where you live. Yes, even in cities! We hope that you will continue to look for birds. To do some more birdwatching today on your drive back home, count the number of birds that you see. Even if you don't know what kind of bird you may be seeing, it is still fun to observe what they are doing.

When watching birds walk slowly and talk softly so that you do not spook the birds that you are trying to see.

Birds have so many interesting behaviors that you may observe such as flying, soaring, perching, hunting for food, walking on the ground. See what you can observe!

How to Help Your Local Birds!

Plant native plants that attract the native insects birds eat. Plants provide protection from weather and predators and offer places to roost at night. Seeds, nuts, fruit, and flower nectar are food sources all year long.

Do not use chemical pesticides that poison the insects that many birds rely upon as food.

Buy some bird seed to put out for the birds. Black oil sunflower is a favorite of many birds including Blue Jays, Cardinals, and Chickadees. In the spring and summer, Orioles are attracted to slices of oranges that you might put out for them.

Provide fresh water in a bird bath or shallow pan set on a stump. Clean out the old water and put in new water every day for the birds.

Put up nesting platforms like bird houses for the birds to use to build their nests in.

To get rid of unwanted mice and rats, use traps instead of poison. A mouse that eats poison put out for them may later be caught and eaten by an owl or hawk and then the poison will kill the raptor as well.

Keep your cats inside, especially during the nesting season. (April-September)

If you live in, or near a building with large windows, turn off outdoor lighting during the migration season. Birds that are migrating at night can be drawn toward the light and end up hitting the window and dying. (Migration seasons: March-May and September to November)

You are now an official National Eagle Center beginning birdwatcher!

