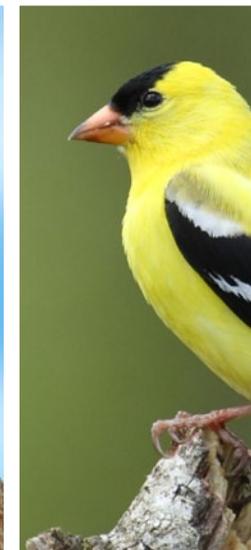


Be a Birder!

a digital companion to Birds



You've read the book, now look for the birds! Click the button below to find out how to be a birder. Ready?



How to use Be a Birder!

 Use your mouse pointer to:



hear a sound



watch a video



see more
birds



find something
to make



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the last page

Look out for me!
Count how many
times you see me!



Contents

Hear baby
birds sing.



See a mother
bird feed her
baby chicks.



In your yard!



Leave some food for me!

Spot birds in your own backyard. Just keep your eyes open and see who's visiting.



sparrow

Listen to birds sing.



Welcome birds into your yard.

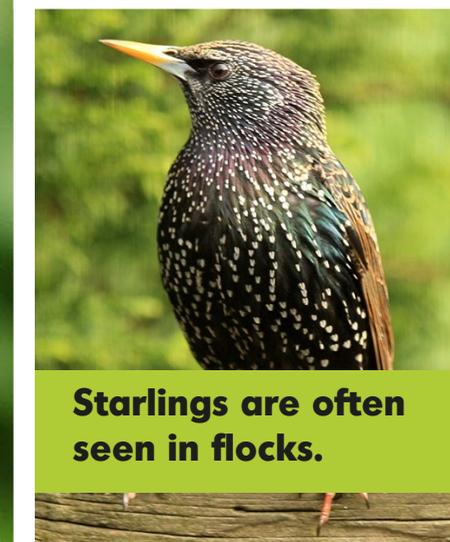
Make a bird feeder.



Woodpeckers peck at trees.



Magpies are noisy—listen for them!



Starlings are often seen in flocks.



Crows are black and eat almost anything.

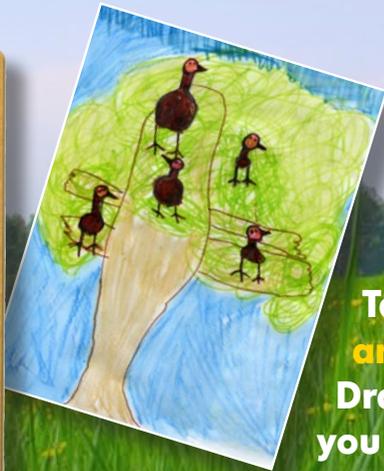
Getting ready



Choose a nice day!

Here's everything you need to go birding. Remember, don't go alone—bring an adult!

See a bird on a tree branch.



Take **paper and pencils**. Draw what you see!

Be sure to use the right **colors** for the birds!



If it is a hot day, wear a **hat** and sunscreen.

Binoculars will help you spot birds high in tree branches.



✓ **Look, but don't touch!** Birds, eggs, and nests should be left alone!



✓ **You can collect feathers** that you find on the ground or in leaves. Remember to wash your hands after touching feathers.



Wear **boots** on a wet day.

Be a good birder

Don't scare me away!



Birds are easily frightened. They will fly away if you make a loud noise or run around! Try these tips.



Look out of the window!

You can be a birder without even leaving your home.

Birding tips

1. Be quiet.
2. Stay still.
3. Be patient.



Count how many birds you can see in your yard.

Hide behind a bush or table if you can. Stay very still!



Record what you see

Can you take my photo?



Keep a little book to put your notes and pictures in. When you see a bird, look at its size and shape. Is it in a tree or on the ground?

Draw your bird.

Tip! It's easier to draw a bird when you're looking at it from the side.



Does your bird sound like this?

Take a photo for your book.

Write the name of the bird and something about it.



I saw this owl.



Backyard birds

Jays often fly into backyards! There are different kinds of jays around the world. This is a blue jay.

Watch a blue jay drink!

The **pointed bill** is handy for holding nuts.

Hear noisy jays squawk!

See more backyard birds.



This bird has long blue **tail feathers** with black lines.

Claws help the bird hold on to the branch.

More backyard birds

Not all these birds live near you!



These birds are from all over the world. Have any flown into your backyard?



rose-breasted grosbeak



American robin



swallows



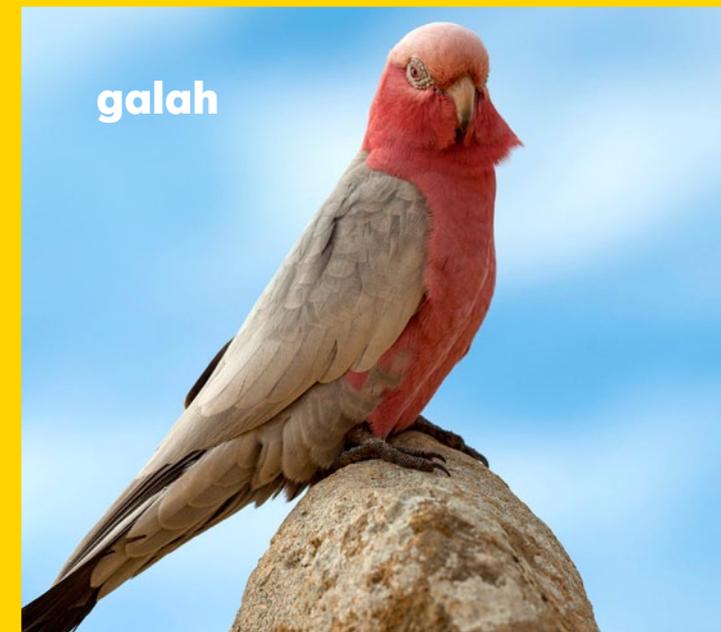
blue tit



chickadee



rock pigeon



galah

Shorebirds

Some birds like to live near water. These shorebirds are often seen in groups.

The long beak is used to poke the sand for food.

The sandy-colored feathers blend in with the shore.

Standing on one leg helps keep the other leg warm.

Yum! I love to eat



small crabs.

See more waterbirds.

More waterbirds

Be a birder at the beach!



Waterbirds live by lakes and ponds as well as by the sea. Gulls are found all over the world.



gull

Hear gulls by the sea!



Atlantic puffin

sand martin



Canada geese



mallard (duck)



Make a bird feeder

Birds will come into your yard if there is something for them to eat. Cover a pinecone in sticky peanut butter and seeds for a tasty treat!

What you need . . .



A pinecone



Birdseed



Peanut butter



Honey



Raisins



Corn or nuts



A knife



String



Do this with a grown-up.



Watch hungry birds feeding!



✓ Ask a grown-up to hang your bird feeder on a tree branch or up high.

Make sure that animals that like to eat birds can't reach it.



Ready? Now click the buttons to follow each step!

Hang a birdhouse

Some birds like to make their nests in cozy birdhouses. You can buy one or make one. Ask a grown-up to help you!



1 Most birdhouses are made of wood. A house needs a roof and a hole big enough for a bird to fly into.



2 You can help paint and decorate your birdhouse!



Do this with a grown-up.



Spot the bird!

Are you a good birder? Look at the kingfisher in the circle. Now click on the colored figure of the same shape!

Can you find me?



kingfisher

Credits

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