

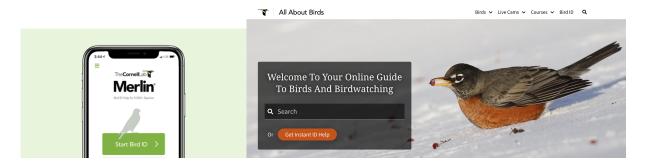
Bird Safe Guelph School Programs: Bird Bingo

Overview

Welcome to Bird Bingo! As part of the Bird Safe Guelph School Programs, we have included this supplemental outdoor activity to encourage your students to look for birds in whatever outdoor space they have available. We hope this activity will increase their appreciation of the amazing diversity of avian species around them and encourage them to actively engage in local conservation efforts.

For both summer and winter months there are several different versions of a 3x3 bingo sheet. These include both the names of the species that can be found in an urban habitat and helpful reference pictures to facilitate identification. We have done our best to give each version of the bingo sheet a reasonable chance at completing a three-bird bingo, but some species will be more common than others. Your goal should be to complete a three-bird bingo, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally within the outdoor activity period. We recommend taking at least 30 minutes to find birds and enjoy the outdoors but can understand if a shorter time period is all that is possible. If students are really lucky, they may even be able to fill out their entire 3x3 sheet! This activity can either be done during class time, over recess, or provided for students as a take-home activity at the teacher's discretion. Students can use either identify birds visually or listen for their distinct calls to check a species off of their bingo sheet.

To help facilitate identification, we have provided a list of resources at the end of this package, including links to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology <u>All About Birds</u> website and the <u>Merlin</u> app.



These resources can be used to provide examples of what birds look like, as well as what their calls sound like in-class prior to attempting this activity. The Merlin app is a particularly useful resource for teachers, as it allows you to identify birds through a quick questionnaire on their appearance as well as providing real-time song identification on your mobile device.







































Resources: All About Birds - https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/; Merlin Bird ID - https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/news/;

Species	Genus & Species	eBird Info	Photo by
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	https://ebird.org/species/bkcchi#	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/47337851
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	https://ebird.org/species/amecro/L357869	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/51777001
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	https://ebird.org/species/blujay	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/295840541
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	https://ebird.org/species/houspa	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/93464491
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	https://ebird.org/species/daejun	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/47337561
Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	https://ebird.org/species/haiwoo	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/303463251
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	https://ebird.org/species/rebnut	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/219648251
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	https://ebird.org/species/rocpig	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/61674401
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	https://ebird.org/species/norcar	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/51360431
Mallard Duck	Anas platyrhynchos	https://ebird.org/species/mallar3	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/283304311
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	https://ebird.org/species/houfin	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/136083061
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	https://ebird.org/species/eursta	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/205138871
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	https://ebird.org/species/cangoo	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/48663951
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	https://ebird.org/species/moudov	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/37845121
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	https://ebird.org/species/amegfi	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/172924761
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	https://ebird.org/species/rewbla	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/49503081
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	https://ebird.org/species/comgra	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/66801281
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	https://ebird.org/species/amerob	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/222821411
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	https://ebird.org/species/turvul	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/44093901
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	https://ebird.org/species/ribgul	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/37472031
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	https://ebird.org/species/rethaw	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/48674511
Common Raven	Corvus corax	https://ebird.org/species/comrav	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/314040431
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	https://ebird.org/species/norfli	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/29705611
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	https://ebird.org/species/baleag	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/46431621
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	https://ebird.org/species/yelwar	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/59640211
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	https://ebird.org/species/amekes	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/240663961
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	https://ebird.org/species/banswa	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/252886281
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	https://ebird.org/species/comyel	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/36440431
Cedar Waxwing	Combycilla cedrorum	https://ebird.org/species/cedwax	https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/40540771