



# IDENTIFYING BIRDS

Join the Academy of Natural Sciences for the City Nature Challenge, April 29 to May 2.

## JOIN US FOR THE CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

The City Nature Challenge is a friendly competition where people from more than 300 cities compete to see who can record the most wildlife. You can join us by documenting the plants and animals you find. Ask a grown-up to help you upload your observations to iNaturalist and use this activity sheet to help you find and identify common birds.

## MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

Birds have quirky habits and can be very entertaining! Use recycled materials and the instructions below to build a bird feeder to encourage birds to flock to your outdoor space for observation.

### Supplies:

- an empty coffee can with lid  
OR an empty milk/juice carton
- bird seed
- wooden dowels or skewers
- marker or bold pen
- craft knife or box cutter (and a grown up to help with cutting)
- twine or heavy yarn
- acrylic paint, craft paper, glue and other decorations

### Crafting tips:

- 1 If using a carton, use a marker to draw the designs of what you would like to cut before cutting.
- 2 Plan how you will hang the bird feeder from a hook or branch. Cut the twine to the right size.
- 3 Ask an adult to help you carefully cut your shapes from the carton, or cut the plastic lid of the coffee can in half.
- 4 Place wooden dowels or skewers to help the birds perch to eat.
- 5 Get creative and decorate your feeder.
- 6 If you used paint or glue, let it dry, then fill your feeder with bird seed and put it out for your feathered friends!



## BIRD IDENTIFICATION

As you spot birds, identify the species by using this page with some of Philadelphia's most common birds. You can find more species (more than 7,300!) on [vireo.ansp.org](http://vireo.ansp.org). Don't forget to ask a grown-up to help you upload your observations to iNaturalist — your bird sightings can help scientists!



American Robin



Blue Jay



Carolina Chickadee



Downy Woodpecker



European Starling



House Finch



Northern Cardinal



Tufted Titmouse



White-breasted Nuthatch



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