

## **BIRD WATCH QUEST – All Ages**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Bring your family and friends together to search for different birds in your neighborhood by listening to their specific calls.

### **MATERIALS AND PREPARATION**

- Print birding journals below
- Staples and stapler (optional)
- Clipboards (optional)
- Crayons or colored pencils (optional)

### **BIRDING JOURNAL**

1. Print the birding journal at the end of this document or use it on a smartphone or tablet.
2. Make sure your printer settings are correct:
  - a. Select color for easiest bird identification
  - b. Print the pages double-sided
  - c. Select “flip on the long edge”
3. Once you have all the pages printed, cut each page on the dotted lines and arrange with the Birding Journal graphic as the first page and last page (a cover for the booklet).
4. Then, fold the individual pages in half vertically to create the booklet.
5. Staple the edge to keep it together.

### **BIRDING QUEST**

1. Use a smartphone or tablet camera to scan the QR codes of each bird to hear how they sound.
2. Venture outside to try to hear each bird.
3. You can make notes in your journal of when and where you heard or saw each bird.

## **RELATED BOOKS**

### **Adult Nonfiction**

BACKYARD BIRDS OF SUMMER by Carol Lerner (DB 45525)

BIRDSONG BY THE SEASONS: A YEAR OF LISTENING TO BIRDS by Donald E. Kroodsma (DBC 11301)

BIRDSONG TUTOR FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS by Lang Elliott (DB 29485)

FIELD GUIDE TO DUMB BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA by Matt Kracht (DB 95286, BR 22786)

FIELD NOTES FROM AN UNINTENTIONAL BIRDER: A MEMOIR by Julia Zarankin (DB 101407)

ON WATCHING BIRDS by Lawrence Kilham (DB 28349)

SIBLEY GUIDE TO BIRD LIFE AND BEHAVIOR by David Sibley (DB 54492)

TREASURY OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDLORE by Paul S. Eriksson (DB 28229)

### **Adult Fiction**

BIRDWATCHER by William Shaw (DB 112980)

KISKADEE OF DEATH: A BOB BIRDER MURDER MYSTERY by Jan Dunlap (DBC 02823)

LOVE ON THE LINE by Deeanne Gist (DB 89531)

WHITE ROBIN by Miss Read (DB 17015, BR 04770)

### **Juvenile Nonfiction**

DUET: OUR JOURNEY IN SONG WITH THE NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD by Phillip M. Hoose (DB 118308) Grades 6-9

HOW BIRDS LEARN TO SING by Barbara Ford (DB 15437) Grades 4-7

## **Juvenile Fiction**

MOUSE AND MOLE, FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS by Wong Herbert Yee (DB 88544, BR 20011) Grades K-3

NEST by Esther Ehrlich (DBC 11423) Grades 5-8

OWL MOON by Jane Yolen (DBC 19980) Grades Pre-K to 3.

## **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

1. Join our Birding by Ear activity via Zoom. We have two available sessions on July 24 and July 31! Info on our summer reading webpage and emails.

## **RESOURCES**

"Top 10 Bird Songs in Texas" from Texas Parks and Wildlife:

[https://tpwmagazine.com/archive/2015/aug/ed\\_2\\_birdsongs/index.phtml](https://tpwmagazine.com/archive/2015/aug/ed_2_birdsongs/index.phtml)

"50 Birds, 50 States" videos from National Geographic Kids:

<https://bit.ly/44s3Bvx>

"Birds" from National Geographic Kids: <https://bit.ly/43kwpoR>

Birdwatching cams from All About Birds (The Cornell Lab):

<https://bit.ly/3psrK6g>

"Audubon for Kids" from Audubon: <https://bit.ly/3NSPjyx>

# BIRDING JOURNAL



Listen!

10.



American Robin

3.



Listen!

8.



Northern Mockingbird

5.



Listen!

2.



American Goldfinch

11.



Listen!

4.



Blue Jay

9.



Listen!

6.



Mourning Dove

7.

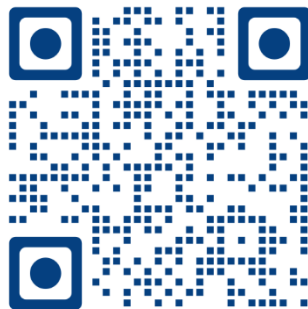
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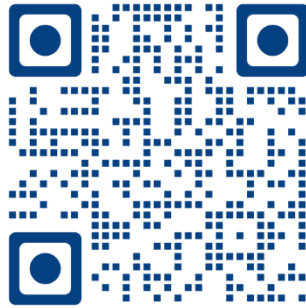
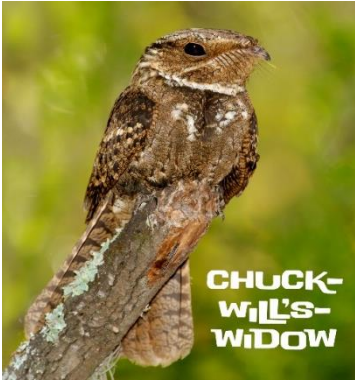
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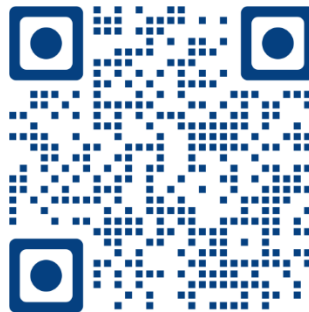
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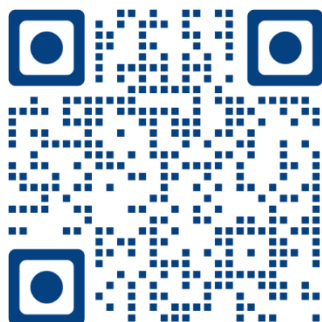
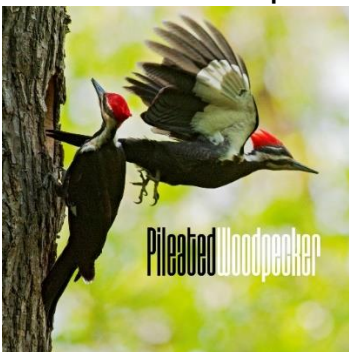
Chuck Will's Widow



Eastern Screech Owl



Pileated Woodpecker



Wood Thrush



Brown Thrasher

