



## Birds

# Observe and Record

Plan to go for a walk in your neighbourhood, nearby park, or favourite natural area. Before you go, download and/or print off your free Birds Canada Identification Guide for your trek! Visit [naturecounts.ca/apps/checklist/index.jsp](http://naturecounts.ca/apps/checklist/index.jsp) and follow the instructions to generate a photo identification guide for common birds in the region at the appropriate time of year.

### PART 1: BIRDING TALLY

While on your walk, tally all of the birds you see, using **Nature Calgary's** Bird Counting Checklist. If you see a bird pooping from a tree branch, mark a single tally in the "Upper Canopy" row, under "Something Else". If you see a duck diving under the water, mark a single tally in the "Water" row under "Eating" (since ducks who dive or bob under the water are doing this to eat).

		WHAT WERE THEY DOING?		
		Eating	Singing	Something Else
WHERE DID YOU SEE THEM?	In the Sky			
	Up High in a Tree (in the Upper Canopy)			
	On Lower Plants like Shrubs or Cattails (in the Lower Canopy)			
	On the Ground			
	In the Water			

*When watching birds, please follow good birding ethics, including:*

- Give birds space by looking from a distance and standing still when they are close by.
- Do not interrupt what the birds are doing and do not interfere with a nesting bird.
- If you want to view from a yard that is not yours, get permission from the owner before entering.

## PART 2: BIRDING SCAVENGER HUNT

Keep your eyes open during your birding walk. See how many boxes you can cross off from **Nature Calgary's** Bird Scavenger Hunt!

Flock	Hopping Down a Tree	Eating an Insect	Drumming	Beak Shorter than Head
Singing	Bird on Ground	Black Feathers	Soaring	Landing on Water
Calling	Brown Feathers	Different Birds Together	Drinking Water	Grey Feathers
Baby/ Juvenile Bird	Red Feathers	On the Top of the Tree	Heard but Not Seen	Birds Calling While Flying
Flying From One Tree to Another	Bird Nest	Perched on a Branch	Beak Longer than Head	White Feathers