

# Birds

## *Program Outline*

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### Welcome and Introduction

Behavioral Guidelines for visit:

- We are in the animals' neighborhood
- Stay on trails with your group unless taken off trails with class activity
- Leave flowers and plants for animals (don't pick anything)
- Pick up trail treasures to enjoy on-site, but no collecting (leave everything)

What is a bird?

Characteristics of birds.

Feathers (Form and functions), wings, bones (adapted for flight), beaks, eggs, nests, warm-blooded, and not teeth or lips.

### Rotations

#### 1. Tree Top Treasure Hunt

Look for wooden birds hidden around the nature center and identify them using a basic field guide. Students will develop their observation skills, learn to use a field guide as an identification tool, and understand the importance of using keys/field guides to identify organisms in nature.

#### 2. Birdwatching

A trail-walk with binoculars. Students will learn bird watching techniques, how to recognize different bird vocalizations, and learn to identify common birds around the Nature Center. Students will also visit our Birds of Prey.

#### 3. Bird Breakfast Café

Students match various types of bird meals with common kitchen tools that could be used to gather and eat the meals. Then students match stuffed bird specimens' beaks and feet with the tools they chose.

Topics are covered by varying degrees depending upon the maturity of students and time constraints.