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Bird Nerds!



Story County Conservation needs your help! We need you to explore the park and discover which birds visit in the spring.

Your discoveries can help us know who might be building a nest in the park.

We will keep your list for other visitors to use too!



Adapted from The Cornell Lab of Ornithology BirdSleuth
Explorer's Guidebook.

<http://www.birdsleuth.org/free-resources/>

Meet the Birds!

Find and identify at least 7 of these Iowa birds as you hike. Their pictures are hidden in the habitats where they might be found. Don't forget to look for real birds too!

BACKYARD



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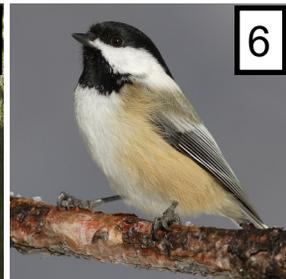


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FOREST / TREES



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I Wonder

You've done a great job exploring the park!
Did you discover anything that you want to learn more about?

Exploring nature can leave you with lots of questions. It's OK if you don't know the answers!
Write down your questions so you can explore these topics later.



Bird Habitat Scavenger Hunt

<p style="text-align: center;">Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bird singing loudly to mark territory <input type="checkbox"/> Bird chasing another bird 	<p style="text-align: center;">Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bird on the pond <input type="checkbox"/> Puddle
<p style="text-align: center;">Shelter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nest <input type="checkbox"/> A place a bird could hide <input type="checkbox"/> Hole in a tree <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting materials <input type="checkbox"/> Plant taller than you 	<p style="text-align: center;">Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Insect <input type="checkbox"/> Spider <input type="checkbox"/> Seed <input type="checkbox"/> Bird feeder <input type="checkbox"/> Bird eating



- Bonus Finds:**
- Feather
 - Droppings
 - Flock
 - Colorful bird
 - Bird flying



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PRAIRIE / OPEN GRASS



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WETLAND / WATER



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Bird Count

Help the naturalists count birds, so we know which species are visiting this spring!

Quietly and carefully count birds for 5 minutes. If you don't know the name of the bird, use the Mystery Bird Identification to make notes.

Bird	Number Seen
Black-Capped Chickadee	
White-Breasted Nuthatch	
Downy Woodpecker	

Mystery Bird Identification

Try to identify a real bird!

Bird watchers use many clues to identify birds. Knowing the shape, size, and color pattern of a bird, and where and when you saw it, can help you identify the birds you see. Focus on one bird and gather information about it!

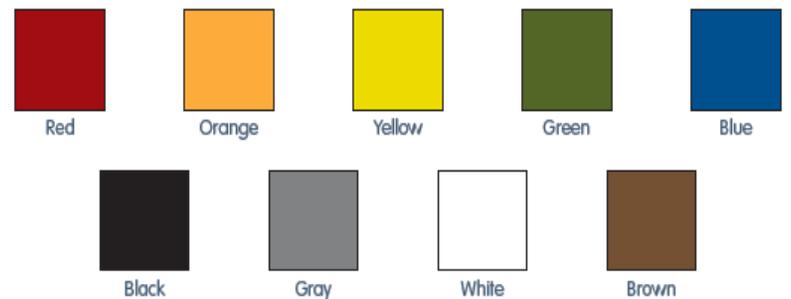
Your Habitat: _____ Date: _____

Where was it? (circle one): At a feeder In the water On the ground
 In trees or bushes On a fence or wire Soaring or flying

What size was the bird? Put a star on the line closest to the size of the bird you saw.



Circle up to three main colors you saw.



The bird size graphic is from the Be a Better Birder tutorial at birds.comell.edu/courses/home/tutorial ©2016 Cornell University

What else do you notice?

Make a guess! _____