



Backyard Birds!



Ages – All ages--younger will need assistance with reading.

Materials

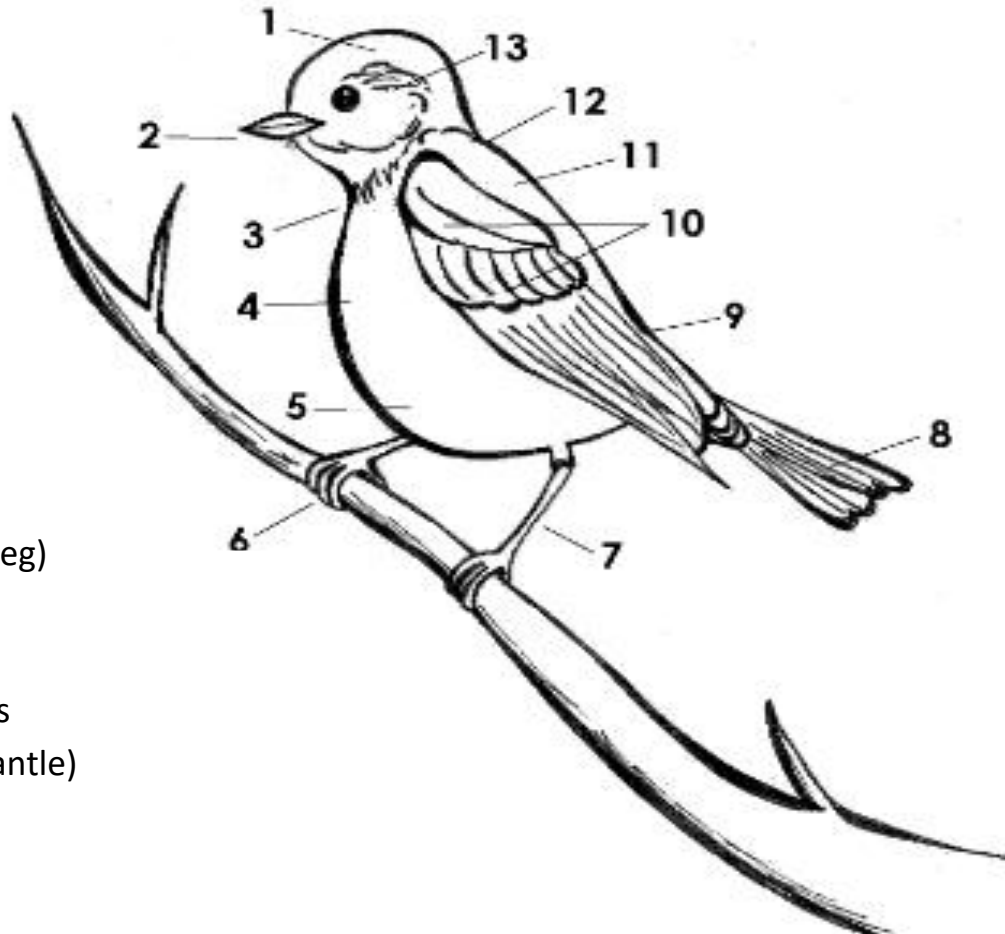
1. This activity (printed if possible) and/or nature journal or blank paper.
2. Pencil
3. Field Guide to Birds for further identification

Activity






4. Review “Bird Topography” (parts of a bird) illustration below.
5. Look for birds in your backyard or any location in Southern Oregon.
6. When you see a bird, quickly note identifying characteristics (example: Crest on head, Black cap, White rump patch, etc.) then compare to checklist.
7. Observe the bird and record a few words to describe its location and behavior.

Bird Topography (Parts of a Bird)






1. Crown
2. Bill
3. Throat
4. Breast
5. Belly
6. Foot
7. Tarsus (Leg)
8. Tail
9. Rump
10. Wingbars
11. Back (Mantle)
12. Nape
13. Eyebrow



Backyard Bird Checklist

Name & Photo:	Identify Bird By:	Where I Saw It:	What it Was Doing:
<p>Rufous Hummingbird</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male has orange-red throat • Hovers in flight 		
<p>Northern Flicker</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange-red in wings and undertail • White rump • Male has red mustache 		
<p>Acorn Woodpecker</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black & white face • Male has red crown and nape 		
<p>Steller's Jay</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark blue with black head • Black crest on top of crown 		
<p>Black-capped Chickadee</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black cap and bib (throat) • White cheeks 		

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<p>White-breasted Nuthatch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beady black eye on white face • Climbs down trees headfirst 		
<p>Cedar Waxwing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black mask • Yellow-tipped tail 		
<p>House Finch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark stripes on sides and belly • Male has red head, breast, and rump 		
<p>Dark-eyed Junco</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark hood • Pale pink bill 		
<p>Spotted Towhee</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male has black head and upper parts • Sides are robin-red 		