Neighborhood Bird Walk

You can find birds anywhere in your neighborhood or in Hoyt Arboretum.

Supplies:

- Binoculars (not necessary, can also use toilet paper or half paper towel rolls glued together)

- Activity Sheet (below)

- Field Guide ID (below)

Instructions:

- Head out on a bird walk with your kids and family. Bird watching does not require any experience. Encourage kids to pay attention to bird sounds in a quiet area and watch tops of trees.

- Best places to look when bird watching:

  Perches with a view – some species prefer to survey from a high point of view, a stop sign or the highest point of a tree. Lots of species sit on fences and telephone wires too.

  Water, from your local park with a pond or water feature to the sidewalk sprinkler runoff or the creek at Hoyt Arboretum

  Shaded, sheltered areas where birds are protected from weather and predators

  Habitat edges where one kind of habitat meets another—for example, where a hedgerow meets a lawn, or an open field meets a wooded area.

- Use the field guide provided with common local birds to see if you can recognize what you see.

- During your walk, take a few notes of the birds that you see on the activity sheet. You can practice drawing the birds back at home.

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Field Guide Activity Sheet

Take notes on 4 different birds that you spot. What colors are they? How big are they? Size of your hand? Or smaller? Did you see them on the ground or on a perch? What was the bird doing? Use these notes to draw the birds you see at home. Can you recognize any of the birds from the field guide?

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Common Birds of the PNW Field Guide-
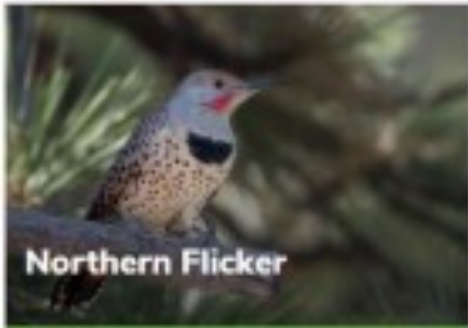# Smaller bird species

American Robin

Black-capped Chickadee

Spotted Towhee

Northern Flicker

American Goldfinch

Anna's Hummingbird

Song Sparrow

California Scrub-Jay

Dark-eyed Junco

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Larger Bird Species

Bald Eagle

Red-tailed Hawk

Peregrine Falcon

Osprey

Great Horned Owl

American Kestrel