

The Great Outdoors

Bird Watching

EXPEDITION

Birds are interesting animals to watch, and it is fun to learn how to identify them. Here are a few ideas to help you start your own bird watching expedition.



Materials

- New Horizon Academy Bird Watching Journal
- Journal, sketch pad, or paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Optional: Binoculars (Use our Great Outdoors Binocular instructions to help your children make their own set. It is a great way to combine art and science.)
- Optional: *Bird Watching for Kids: Bite-sized Learning and Backyard Projects* by George H. Harrison (This is a wonderful beginner guide to bird watching and it contains QR Codes, so you can listen to the sounds of different types of birds on your phone.)

Directions

- 1) Head to your backyard, neighborhood, or local park and look for birds.
- 2) Bring the New Horizon Academy Bird Watching Journal to document various types of birds.
 - What do you notice about the way the birds move?
 - What sounds do you hear?
 - How many birds did you see?
- 3) Using your journal, sketch pad, or paper, draw pictures of the birds you see.
- 4) Go bird watching again.

