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Families—Your child has been learning about bird behavior. This sheet offers information and activities so the whole family can enjoy birds too.

BEHAVE LIKE A BIRD

Walk the Walk

Take a walk around your neighborhood or nearby park and watch birds move. Do you see the Pigeon Strut or Step-stopping Robin? Find a bird performing a different movement. Imitate the movement and create a name for it.

COOL FACT

Now Where Did
I Put That?

Many birds like to cache their food, meaning they will store food when it's easy to find so that later, when it's winter and less food is available, they can still eat. Birds store small amounts of food in many places. This means they have to remember all those locations. A Black-capped Chickadee can remember thousands of hiding places!

Bird of the Month

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

Male Red-winged Blackbirds fiercely defend their territories during the breeding season, spending more than a quarter of daylight hours in territory defense. He chases other males out of his territory and attacks nest predators, sometimes going after much larger animals, including horses and people.



Red-winged Blackbird
by Evan Barbour

Hands-On Activity

HOMEMADE WILD BIRD TREATS

Brrr! Winter can be tough for birds. But you can help them with some homemade bird treats. Follow the recipe below, hang your treat outside when it's ready, and enjoy watching the birds!

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons corn syrup (or pancake/maple syrup)
- 4 cups Pennington® Bird Feed

Instructions

1. Mix ingredients.
2. Press tightly into cookie cutters with spoon.
3. Insert straw or pencil to create hang hole.
4. Let dry for 4-6 hours or overnight. Remove from cookie cutter.
5. Insert string into hanging hole (use natural fibers such as cotton or wool so birds can also use the string in their nests).
6. Hang your new feeder outdoors in a group of trees for birds to enjoy.



Pennington® Feeder Spotlight

NOT INTERESTED IN GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY?

You can also help your feathered friends by hanging up a bird feeder. Try using the Pennington® Gazebo Feeder.

