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

## WHAT MAKES A BIRD... A BIRD?

### Birding in Your Neighborhood

Look for birds on a walk in your neighborhood or sit quietly for 10 minutes to look and listen for birds. Answer the following questions:

How many birds did you see in total?

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How many different kinds of birds did you see?

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Circle the bird groups you think you observed.



*Black-capped Chickadee by Evan Barbour*

**CHICKADEES**



*House Finch by Evan Barbour*

**FINCHES**



*Downy Woodpecker by Evan Barbour*

**WOODPECKERS**

What were the birds doing? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you hear a bird? **Yes** **No**



## SKETCH ONE OF THE BIRDS YOU SAW

## COOL FACT

Birds Are Descendants  
of Dinosaurs

Birds are the only living creatures with feathers. But they aren't the only animal to have ever had feathers. From the fossil record we know that birds evolved from dinosaurs, some of which had feathers! But those first feathers had nothing to do with flight. Instead, they probably helped dinosaurs show off, hide, or stay warm.



American Crow  
by Liz Fuller

## Bird of the Month

### AMERICAN CROW

Despite its tendency to eat roadkill, the American Crow is not specialized to be a scavenger and carrion is only a very small part of its diet. Though their bills are large, crows can't break through the skin of even a gray squirrel. They must wait for something else to open a carcass or for the carcass to decompose and become soft enough to eat.

## Hands-On Activity

### BIRD PICTURES

Grab a piece of paper and crayons/markers. Have one person think of a bird and describe it in detail without saying the name of the bird. As the person describes the bird, everyone else is challenged to draw and color it based on the description. Once everyone is finished, compare drawings. Do any of the pictures look like the bird being described?