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Birds of South Cove County Park



Pileated Woodpecker
Dryocopus pileatus
 repetitive, monkey-like clucks

Whether perched in a tree, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many bird species to observe at South Cove County Park. Use this brochure to learn about the birds that call this place home and see how many you can find on your hike!

Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location, call, and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and make notes of any identifying field marks:

wing bars
 Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?

side
 What color are the bird's sides?

nape
 Is the back of the neck another color?

crown
 Does the bird have a crest or different color on top of the head?

beak or bill
 What shape and color is the beak?

eye features
 What colors are around the eye?

belly
 What color is the bird's belly?

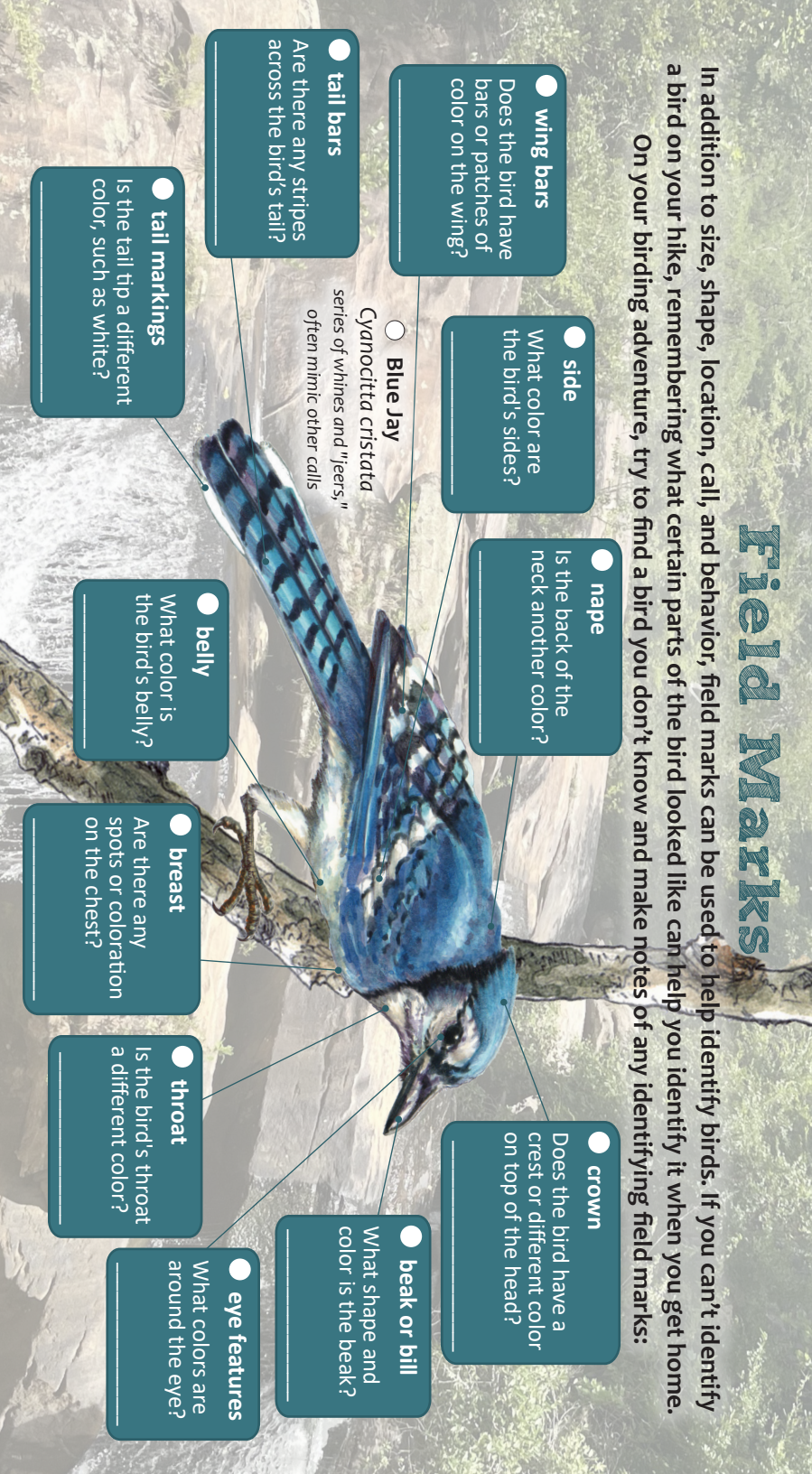
breast
 Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?

throat
 Is the bird's throat a different color?

tail markings
 Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?

tail bars
 Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata
 series of whines and "jeers," often mimic other calls



What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise? Is it on the ground digging in leaves? Or is it in the water swimming?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a raven or small like a chickadee? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? What color is it, and what types of markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you observe at South Cove County Park!

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!



Downy Woodpecker
Dryobates pubescens
high pitched "pik, pik, pik"

Red-Tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis
raspy "keee-arr" scream



American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis
series of squeaky warbles,
can sound like "tee-yee"



Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus
Loud, rhythmic "teakettle,
teakettle, teakettle"



Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
shrill "drink-your-teeee" or
nasally "tow-hee, tow-hee"



Northern Mockingbird
Mimus polyglottos
various notes of "krrDEE krrDEE"
or "chew, chew, chew"

Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
low, guttural hiss



Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura
loud whistles or a "coo-oo-oo"



Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
lazer-like "cheer, cheer, cheer"
or "purty-purty-purty"



American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
series of loud, harsh caws or a
mixture of coos, caws, and clicks



American Robin
Turdus migratorius
whistles a string of "cheerily,
cheer up, cheer up"



Carolina Chickadee
Poecile carolinensis
rapid "chickadee-dee-dee"



Dark-eyed Junco
Junco hyemalis
series of rhythmic whistles,
trills, and warbles

