



Birds of the Spanish Moss Trail



Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe on the Spanish Moss Trail. Use this brochure to learn about several bird species and see how many you can find today!

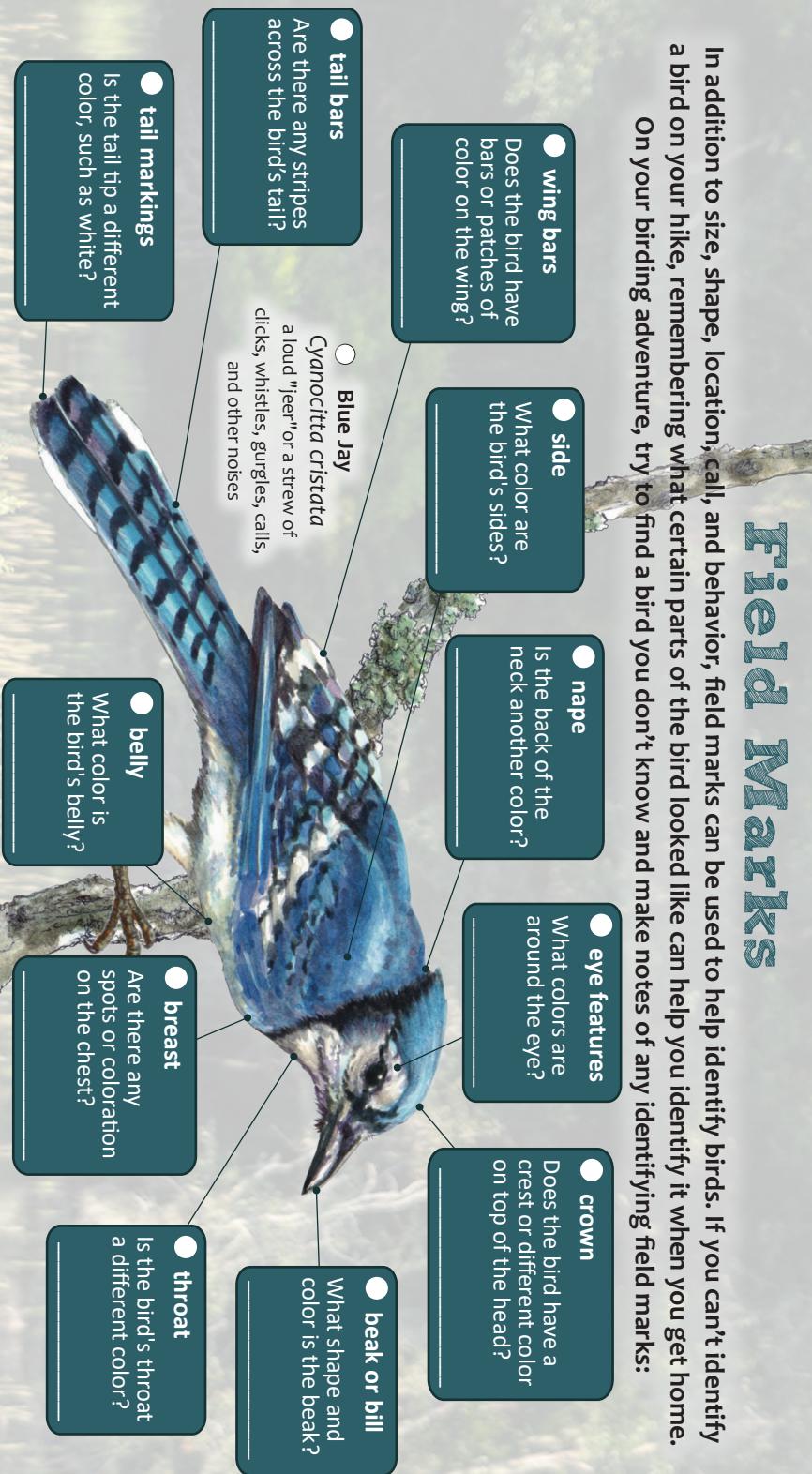
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Field Marks

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:



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 fishing in the water?

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

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you spot while exploring the Spanish Moss Trail.

 Check off the birds you find on your adventure!



Osprey
Pandion haliaetus
a high-pitched screech, strung together in a series sometimes



Great Egret
Ardea alba
harsh, nasally squeaks, croaks, and calls



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias
squawk "roh-roh-roh" or a series of deep "frawnk"



Snowy Egret
Egretta thula
raspy, nasally calls

