

What kind of bird is that?

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

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? What color is it? And what sort of markings does it have?

These things can help you identify the birds you are looking at!

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!

☐ **American White Pelican**
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos
low grunts



☐ **Turkey Vulture**
Cathartes aura
low, throaty hissing

☐ **Redwinged Blackbird**
Corvus brachyrhynchos
“caw, caw, caw”



☐ **Mountain Bluebird**
Siala currucoides
“tew” or “tink”



☐ **Black Capped Chickadee**
Parus atricapillus
Fee-bee, or fee bee-ee



☐ **House Sparrow**
Passer domesticus
series of “cheep” or “chirrup” notes



☐ **House Finch**
Haemorhous mexicanus
“cheep cheep”



☐ **Pied-billed Grebe**
Podilymbus podiceps
barks “ge ge gadum goam’



☐ **Spotted Sandpiper**
Actitis macularius
“weet weet”



☐ **Canada Goose**
Branta canadensis
loud honks, barks, and cackles



☐ **Mallard**
Anas platyrhynchos
“quack quack”



☐ **Eared Grebe**
Podiceps nigricollis
hiccupping “ooo-eek”



☐ **Killdeer**
Charadrius vociferus
shrill “killdeer, killdeer”



Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location 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 see if it has any of the following field marks:

☐ **eyebrow**
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

☐ **eyestripe**
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

☐ **crown**
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

☐ **beak or bill**
What shape and color are the beak?

☐ **nape**
Is the bird's nape a different color?

☐ **breast**
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?

☐ **side**
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?

☐ **belly**
What color is the bird's belly?

☐ **American Robin**
Turdus migratorius
"cheer up, cheerily"

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

☐ **wing bars**
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

☐ **throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?

☐ **tail markings**
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?

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