in the air?

Birds that spend a lot of time in the air use their strong eyesight to find food. Black vultures circle high above looking for dead animals

activity of other birds and animals, even humans, to lead them to

their next meal. Lower in the air, hummingbirds hover near gardens

woods, and the sky over the marshes and beach. Can you find any

and meadows sipping nectar from flowers. Scan the gardens and

and other vultures to follow. Laughing gulls also look for the

What kind of bird is that...

When trying to identify a bird, the first things to look for are location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise, or on the ground digging in leaves? Next, think about size and shape. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? Finally, you can use field marks to identify birds – flip to the back panel to discover how.

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!

in the woods?

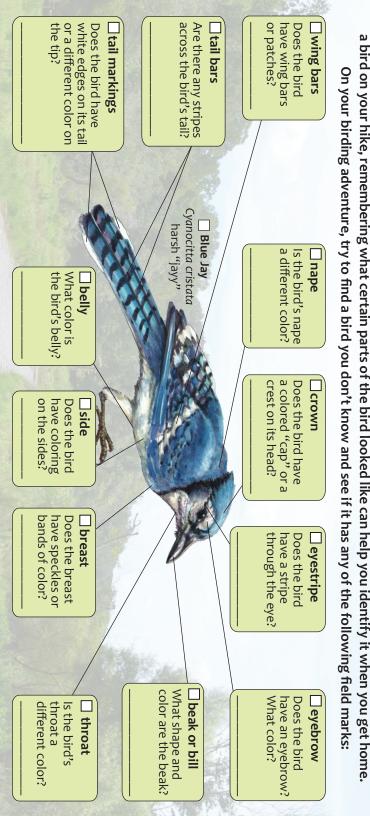
Many birds found along the coast use trees and shrubs for food, shelter, or nesting. Woodpeckers and chickadees make their nests in the cavities of trees and pick insects from the bark. Trees can provide seeds and berries for birds such as carolina wrens to eat.

Look into the trees. How many different birds can you find? What parts of the tree are the birds using?

pig-like grunts



haah haa ha"



In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify

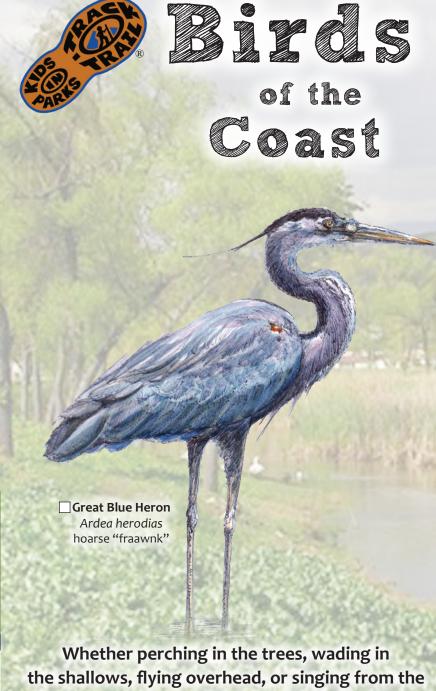
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shrubs, many types of birds specialize in a life on

or near the coast. Use this brochure to see how many birds you can find on your hike today.