

What kind of bird is that?

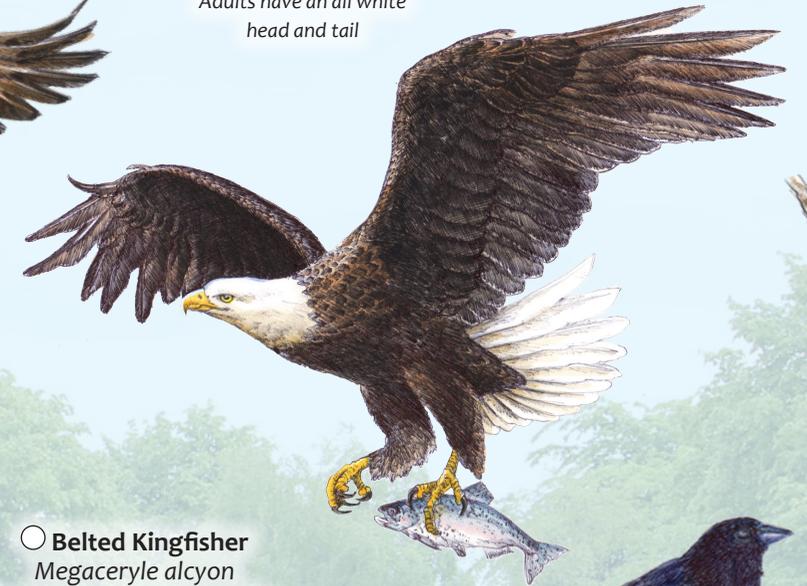
When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high, making noise? Or is it on the ground, digging in leaves? Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? What color is it? And what sort 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!

○ Osprey
Pandion haliaetus
Catches fish by pouncing, not swooping



○ Bald Eagle
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Adults have an all white head and tail



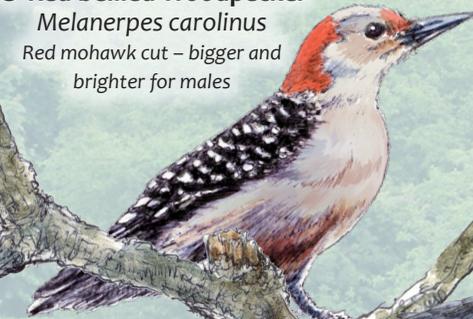
○ Summer Tanager
Piranga rubra
Easily mistaken for a cardinal – look for solid red face



○ Belted Kingfisher
Megasceryle alcyon
Very loud, quick chitter as it flies



○ Red-bellied Woodpecker
Melanerpes carolinus
Red mohawk cut – bigger and brighter for males



○ Red-winged Blackbird
Agelaius phoeniceus
Has a red and yellow wing patch



○ Canada Goose
Branta canadensis
Eats grass as well as aquatic plants



○ Eastern Phoebe
Sayornis phoebe
Builds mossy nests on ledges



○ Prothonotary Warbler
Protonotaria citrea
Look for yellow flash near water



○ Tree Swallow
Tachycineta bicolor
Has shiny feathers - blue for males and gray for females - aerial acrobat



○ Fish Crow
Corvus ossifragus
Sounds like if you hold your nose and say "uh-oh"





Birds of Landsford Canal

Whether perching in the trees, wading in the shallows, flying overhead, or singing from the shrubs, many types of birds specialize in a life on or near the water. Use this brochure to see how many birds you can find on your hike today.



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias
Large blue and gray bird stalking in shallow waters

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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:

wing bars
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

nape
Is the bird's nape a different color?

eyestripe
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

eyebrow
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

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

tail bars

Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

Wood Duck

Nests in tree holes or boxes
Aix sponsa
near water

beak or bill
What shape and color are the beak?

tail markings

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

belly
What color is the bird's belly?

side
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?

breast
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?

throat
Is the bird's throat a different color?

