



# TRUCKEE MEADOWS PARKS FOUNDATION

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*The Student Stewards Program presents*

## **A Short Intro To Backyard Birding and Park Stewardship**

This scientific journal belongs to:

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What is the scientific name for *the study of birds*?

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What questions do you have about birds?

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Draw a picture of a bird below.

Now using the following word bank, label where each part is generally located.

[Hollow bones] [Beak] [Wings]  
[Feathers] [Unidirectional lungs]

What are the four basic steps for identifying birds?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Practice those guidelines by looking at the following birds



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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Take this count sheet if you plan on looking for water birds.

<b>Bird Name</b>	<b>Count Tally</b>	<b>Number Total</b>
American Coot		
Black-Crowned Night Heron		
Canada Goose		
Common Merganser		
Domestic Swan Goose		
Double-crested Cormorant		
Gadwall		
Common Goldeneye		
Gull		
Hooded Merganser		
Mallard		
Northern Shoveler		
Pied-Billed Grebe		
Ruddy Duck		
Snowy Egret		

Take this count sheet if you plan on looking for land birds.

<b>Bird Name</b>	<b>Count Tally</b>	<b>Number Total</b>
American Crow		
American Robin		
California Scrub-Jay		
California Quail		
Canada Goose		
Common Raven		
House Finch		
House Sparrow		
Lesser Goldfinch		
Mallard		
Mountain Chickadee		
Mourning Dove		
Northern Flicker		
Northern Mockingbird		
White-Crowned Sparrow		

# Reflection

What went really well during your investigation?

Was any part that you planned hard to do in real life? Why do you think that is?

What are some things you could change for your next bird walk?

Write any other thoughts you had during your bird journey here.