

Birding

Here are some tips for finding birds:

1. Go somewhere with trees or other plants (like a park).
2. Go birding in the morning.
3. Become a stealth master. (Stay quiet, avoid sudden movements, and avoid wearing bright colors.)

Things to observe about a bird:

<p>Color Pattern (What colors? Where are the colors on its body?)</p>	<p>Size and Shape (pay attention to the shape of the feet, tail, and beak)</p> <p>My bird is about the size of a _____ (basketball? thumb? etc.)</p>
<p>Sounds (If you don't hear any sounds, write "none observed.")</p>	<p>Behavior (What is it doing? Perching? Hopping? Flying?)</p>
<p>Habitat (Where is it? Near a river? Forest? In a town or city?)</p>	<p>After observing the bird, you can try to identify it. Use a bird guide book, the Merlin Bird ID app on a smartphone, the Cornell Lab's online bird guide (allaboutbirds.org), or another resource.</p> <p>I think my bird is a _____.</p>