

# Bird Watching Journal

When you are watching and trying to identify birds look for:

1. **Color:** What color differences are there between the head and body?  
Similar birds have different colors. Male birds are usually more colorful.
2. **Special Markings:** Marks on wings or around eyes? Special stripes?
3. **Size and Shape:** Many birds look very similar and can be distinguished by size and shape.
4. **Wings:** Pointed, longer or shorter than the body?
5. **Flight:** Zigzag, straight flight?
6. **Feeding Habits:** Do the birds come to your feeder? Do you see the bird most often on the ground feeding?
7. **Reference:** Keep a reference book handy so you can look up the birds you see. This will help you identify them correctly.

Bird Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time	# Counted	Location

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