

Bird Watching Basics

Whether hiking through the woods or looking out your window, you can learn a lot by observing our feathered friends. Many birdwatchers record each unique species of bird they see and add it to their life list. Now is a great time to start, or add, to your bird watching life list. Here are some of the tools and tips you'll need to get started.

Equipment:



Binoculars



Field Guide (or birding app)



Journal



Curiosity

What to look and listen for:



Feathering



Size



Beak structure



Bird Calls



Flight Patterns



Nests

Other Things to be Mindful of:

Habitat

Weather

Migratory vs Resident

Times of Day

Fledgling Times

Feeding Habits

Healthy ways to attract birds to your yard