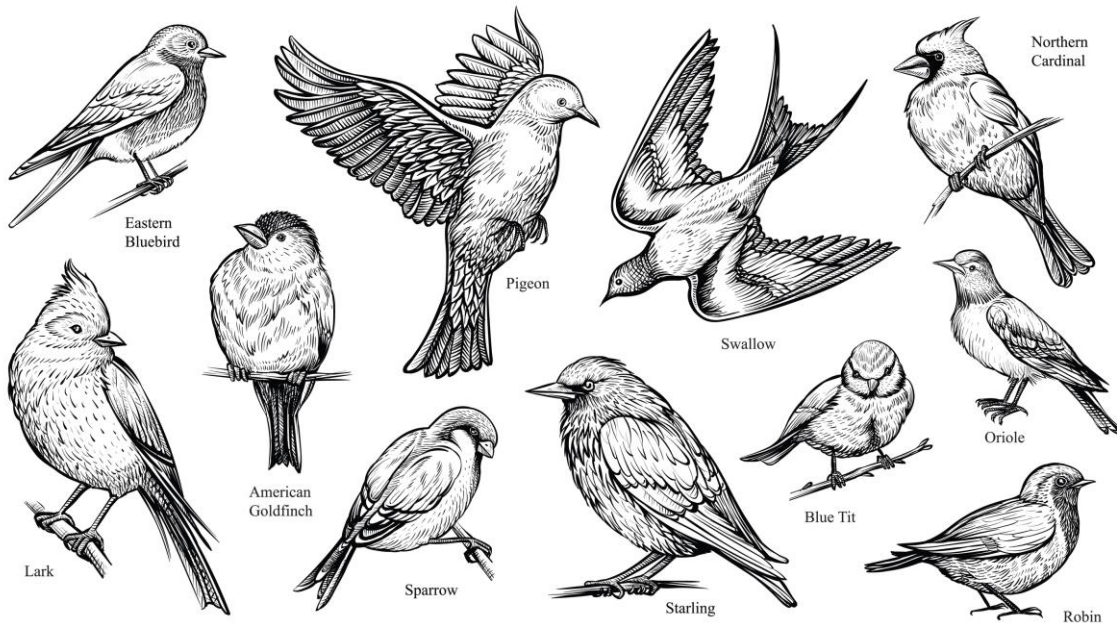


Beginner's Guide to Birdwatching

Go for a walk or hike, stop, close your eyes, and listen. Can you hear any birds? Using the sound of bird calls as a guide, can you find where the birds are? Birds use the same types of calls over and over so other birds and animals know that they are there. They also use different calls to communicate different messages, like "Stay away!" or "I found food!" The American Robin makes a sound you can remember because it sounds like "Cheery up, cheerio," and there is a chickadee call that sounds like "Cheeseburger!"

Sometimes it is easier to find and name birds by listening more than watching, and you can learn what common birds sound like. There are apps out there, like www.audubon.org/app, that you and your family can use together to learn what birds look like and sound like.

Look online or use an app to find these birds. Then use color pencils to add the correct colors to the birds' feathers below.



**CLIP OUT THIS CHECKLIST. GO FOR HIKES OR WALKS WITH A GROWN-UP.
SEE HOW MANY OF THESE BIRDS YOU CAN FIND!**



Mourning Dove



White-breasted Nuthatch



House Finch



American Crow



Tufted Titmouse



American Goldfinch



Dark-eyed Junco



House Sparrow



Downy Woodpecker



Black-capped Chickadee