



KATIE & JENNIFER'S CLASS BIRD FIELD GUIDE



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Jordana and Lucy

Perching
bird

black



Cracker
Beak

Eats seeds

I am a Black-Capped Chickadee. I eat insects and seeds. I am black, white, brown, and grey. I have a cracker beak. I live in woods forests and parks. The sounds I make are chickadee-dee-dee-dee, fee-beeyee, swee-dee, tit tit tit.



Black-Capped Chickadee

Habitat:

- Woods
- Forests
- Parks

Physical Description:

- Small
- Black, white, grey, and brown
- Puffy
- Long tail

Nest:

- Twigs
- Stix
- Rabbit hair
- Rotten tree bark

Eggs:

- Black-Capped-Chickadees can lay 1-13 eggs.
- Their egg color is back with white spots
- Condition at hatching: eyes closed, nude (except for 6 small patches downy feathers in back of head)
- Length-0.6 in 1.5 cm, Width-0.5 in 1.2 cm
- Incubation period- 12-13 days

Food:

- Seeds
- Berries
- Spiders
- Suet

Did You Know?

Black-Capped Chickadees can live up to 12 years.

Black-Capped Chickadees hide seeds and other food items to eat later and can remember thousands of hiding places.

Black-capped chickadees are related to Carolina chickadees, tufted titmouse, bushtit, and mountain chickadees.

Voice/Song:

Chickadee-dee-dee, fee-beeyee, swee-dee, tit tit tit. It sounds like they are repetitive and scared.

Alya, Sasha, and Charles

Blue

Cracking
beak



Perching
Feet

Eats berries

I am a Blue Jay. I am blue. I have a beak that can crack seeds and I have perching feet. I eat berries, bugs and seeds. I am very noisy and loud to protect my territory.



Blue Jay

Habitat:

- Forest
- Oak trees
- Parks
- Cities

Physical Description:

- Large
- Light blue and white
- White stripes

Nest:

- Twigs
- Leaves
- Thorny
- Bark
- Above ground

Eggs:

- Light brown or bluish
- Brownish spots
- 2 – 7 eggs
- 1 – 3 inches, 2.5 – 3.3 cm
- 17 – 21 day nesting period

Food:

- Bugs
- Seeds
- Berries

Did You Know?

A Blue Jay is a very smart bird. It solves problems and talks to other birds.

Voice/Song:

Clack clack clack; like a squeaky door; loud

Eva and Rosalie

Red and
brown

Eat seeds
and berries



Cracker
beak

Perching
feet

I am a Cardinal. I live in the woods or the forest. I am a perching bird. When I perch there are three toes in the front and one in the back.



Cardinal

Habitat:

- Forest
- Woods
- garden

Physical Description:

- Red
- Small
- Pointy triangle at the top
- Brown and gray
- Pointy tail

Nest:

- Vines
- Leves
- Crush twigs
- Nest in the tree
- 7-13 days

Eggs:

- Dotty
- Round
- 2-5 eggs
- 0.9-1.1 in
- 2.2-2.7 cm

Food:

- Seeds
- berries

Did You Know?

Female Cardinals are brown.

While Cardinals are sitting on their nest they sing. Female Cardinals sing longer then male cardinals.

Voice/Song:

Their voice sounds like a beep. Beep beep beep beep.

Leeya and Roger

Wading bird

White



Spear Beak

Eats Fish

I am an Egret. I have wading feet. I live in the pond, lakes, and marshes. I like to eat fish. I have a spear beak. I fly slowly but powerfully. I hunt while wading, but sometimes I swim to catch prey or hover over the water and dip for fish.



Great Egret

Habitat:

- Lives in ponds
- Lakes
- Marshes

Physical Description:

- Neck is very skinny and in an S shape
- Long neck
- Legs are skinny, long and black.

Nest:

- Made of sticks
- Near water or on land

Eggs:

- Medium sized
- Smooth
- Pale, greenish blue
- 1 - 6 eggs

Food:

- Fish
- Reptiles
- Birds
- Amphibians

Did You Know?

When I walk really slowly that means I'm looking for food.

I can't fly high but I can fly fast.

I am the symbol of the National Audubon Society.

Voice/Song:

I sound like a croaking sound or a squeaky floor.

Zachary, Adam and Kotaro

Bird of prey

Carnivore



Shredder
Beak

Talons

I'm a medium size eagle. I have yellow a beak. My feathers are brown, and I have big wings and big talons. I am the golden eagle! I am the second biggest bird of prey.



Golden Eagle

Habitat:

- Chilkat River
- Deserts
- Forests
- Tall trees
- Europe
- Asia

Physical Description:

- Talon
- Goldish-brown feathers
- Black Claws

Nest:

- Big sticks
- Leaves
- Tree bark

Eggs:

- Round
- White
- Six inches
- 1 to 3 eggs

Food:

- Rodents
- Snakes
- Lizards
- Chipmunks
- Mooses

You Know?

Golden Eagle chases other birds away and kills other birds

Voice/Song:

I make a very loud screech!

Jillian and Sydney

White

Eats fish

Water birds

Long necks



I am a Mute Swan. I eat fish and swim in water to catch fish. I love swimming. I have a beautiful long neck and I eat insects and ants I am so, so white!



Mute Swan

Habitat:

- Ponds
- Bogs
- Streams
- lakes

Physical Description:

- Webbed feet
- Long necks
- A knob on the nose.

Nest:

- Use weeds to build it's nest.
- Nest is on the ground.

Eggs:

- 5-7 eggs when young
- bluish-green to pale gray
- size: 112 x 73.5mm.

Food:

- Dive down to find fish and other foods.

Did You Know?

A male is a completely white bird who holds it's neck in an "s" shape. They are called Mute Swans because they are usually silent.

Voice/Song:

Makes a sound like "hkk hkk", like a duck mixed with a pig.

Jun, Rohan, and Edward

Bird of
Prey

Black



Shredder
Beak

Meat-eater

I am the Peregrine Falcon. I am a bird of prey. I eat meat. My talons are as sharp as swords. In 1950-1960, we ate insects that were sprayed by DDT and our population decreased. I am brown black and white. I dive 200 mph.



Peregrine Falcon

Habitat:

- Hills
- Mountains

Physical Description:

- Big wings
- Sharp talons
- Shredder beak

Nest:

- It does not build its nest- it uses abandoned nests
- Make nests on top of cliff
- Sky scrapers
- Bridges

Eggs:

- Spotted green dots
- 2-2in
- 5-5.2cm
- brown

Food:

- Meat
- Small bird
- Snake
- Rodents

Did You Know?

Its nickname is the duck hawk.
It's the fastest bird in the world.
I migrate 6,000 miles each way.

Voice/Song:

I make a sound like "kak kak kak kak"!

Max, Daniel H. and Daniel Y.

Bird of
Prey

Talons



Shredder
beak

4- foot
wingspan

I am a Red Tailed Hawk. I am a bird of prey. I have sharp talons. My tail is red. My body is brown. I have spotted eggs. I have a white belly. My beak is black and yellow. My beak is a shredder beak and I use to tear meat. I can chase off hawks, eagles and great horned owls. My nest is in tall trees and is made out of twigs. I eat rodents, birds, small mammals and snakes.



Red-Tailed Hawk

Habitat:

- Wood land
- Desert
- Cities
- Parks
- Mountains
- North America
- Tropical rainforests

Physical Description:

- Brown and red feathers
- Yellow and black beak
- talons

Nest:

- Tall trees
- Twigs
- Cliffs
- Artificial structures
- Billboard platforms
- Window ledges

Eggs:

- Spotted
- Egg length 2.2-2.7 inches
- nestling period 42-46 days

Food:

- Small mammals
- Snakes
- Birds
- Rodents.

Did you Know?

Red-tailed Hawks are white when they are babies. I can chase off hawks, eagles and great horned owls.

Voice/Song:

A horrifying screech!

Alexis, Brooke and Julia

Perching
bird

Probe beak



Gardens and
woods

Drinks
nectar

I am a Ruby-Throated Hummingbird. I drink nectar from flowers. I am a perching bird. I have a probe beak. I live in gardens or woods.



Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

Habitat:

- Gardens
- Woods

Physical Description:

- Small
- Red Throat
- Green Head
- Brown

Nest:

- As small as a penny
- 1-2 broods
- 12-14 cm
- mom stays on eggs for 18-22 days

Eggs:

- They lay 1-3 eggs
- White
- Tiny
- Length is 12-14 cm
- The egg within is 0.8-0.9 cm

Food:

- They drink nectar from flowers
- They get their nectar from cardinal flowers

Did You Know?

They can flap their wings 53 times in 1 second.

Their feet are smaller than a 7 year old child's thumb.

Voice/Song: Their wings sound like a motorcycle and humming at the same time. Their call sounds like a beeping sound.

Embla, Lucy, Lily, and Noorie

Birds of
Prey

Black spots



Shredder
beak

Talons

I have black spots. I eat rodents. I can camouflage in snow. I have white eggs. I live at the bottom of trees. I lay 3 to 11 eggs. My habitat is in the arctic. I have yellow eyes and brown spots. I have big feet with feathers. My nest is on the ground.



Snowy Owl

Habitat:

- Arctic
- Trees

Physical Description:

- Yellow eyes
- Brown spots

Nest:

- Sticks
- Sticks
- Snow
- 3 to 11 eggs.

Eggs:

- White egg
- Not so big
- Smooth

Food:

- Rodents
- Lemmings
- Mice

Did You Know?

Snowy owls can camouflage themselves in the snow. Snowy owls lay 3 to 11 eggs

Voice/Song

Snowy Owls make a screechy, hooty noise.