



LESLIE'S CLASS BIRD FIELD GUIDE



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Anastasia and Cole

Beak

Wings



White head

Brown body

I'm a Bald Eagle. I love to eat fish and mice and rats. I soar in the air and then I dive down and grab my food. I have a curved sharp yellow beak.



Bald Eagle

Habitat:

- Forest
- Near water

Physical Description:

- Yellow beak
- Brown body and wings
- White head

Nest:

- Tree tops

Eggs:

- White
- Big
- Oval

Food:

- Fish
- Rats mice
- Rabbits
- Osprey

Did You Know?

Bald Eagles are on dollar bills.

Voice/Song:

eaeeaa

Kostadina and Valentina

Pointy nose

Round eyes



Big wings

Sharp claws

I am a Barn Owl. I have a pointy nose, big round eyes and very sharp claws. I also have very long wings.



Barn Owl

Habitat:

- They live in open places
- They live in southern Canada
- They live in every continent except Antarctica.
- They also live in grasslands and deserts.

Physical Description:

- They have big eyes
- They fly slowly over fields at night
- Their beak is very sharp
- When they fly they loop a lot

Nest:

- They nest in tree holes
- Also on cliffs
- And in caves
- Also ledges
- Burrows

Eggs:

- They lay their eggs as long as four days apart
- White, often dirtied by the nest

Food:

- They eat small animals like rabbits, squirrels, rats, mice, voles

Did You Know?

A baby owl is called an owlet?

The female makes a nest and makes it on a cliff, caves, river banks, barn lofts and church ducts, haystacks.

Voice/Song: Screeching clucking snocking

It sounds like when you blow out

Jake and Timothee

Eats insects

Long
pointed bill



Found on
trees

Black and
white

Hello, I am a black and white warbler. I live around New York during migration, so you will probably see me around migration.



Black and White Warbler

Habitat:

- Back yard
- Open field
- Forest
- Many places during migration

Physical Description:

- Black and white streaks

Nest:

- Dry leaves
- Bark strips
- Grass
- Pine needles

Eggs:

- Creamy white
- Pale blush
- Greenish white
- Speckles of brown
- Lavender

Food:

- Mostly insects
- Moth and butterflies

Did You Know?

The male has a black mask and throat in summer but after he molts, his throat becomes white.

Voice/Song: weesaweese

Dredheza and Millie

Bright red

Crest



Black mask

Red/
orange

Hi. I am a northern cardinal. Did you know that sometimes I attack my reflection? Did you know I am able to raise or lower my breast any time I want? Well, goodbye and have a nice day.



Cardinal

Habitat:

- Live in parks, woods, etc.
- They live year round
- In winter you can see flocks of cardinals

Physical Description:

- Males have thick bills
- Female cardinals are brown to blend with the nest
- Northern cardinals are fairly large
- Cardinals often sit with a hunched over posture

Nest:

- Cardinals make their nests in trees and cactus
- Females build the nest
- The nest is a cup shape

Eggs:

- Brown
- Eggs size are 0.7 0.8 egg width
- Egg length 0.9-1.1

Food:

- Seeds
- Fruit
- Insects, Caterpillars, Beetles

Did You Know?

Cardinals can raise and lower their crest whenever they want

It is the state bird of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia

Voice/Song: sounds like: what cheer what cheer or wheat wheat wheat

Margot and Kennedy

Black cap

White belly



Long gray tail

Small black beak

Hi I am a chickadee. I have a black stripe on top of my head and it looks like a black cap. I also have a white belly too. I eat seeds, spiders, ladybugs, and worms. I like to play with other birds like robins blue jays.



Chickadee

Habitat:

- Chickadees live in the woods
- Chickadees live in parks like center park

Physical Description:

- On the top of chickadees heads it has a black stripe that looks like a cap

Nest:

- Chickadees can nest in holes. They are called cavities.
- Chickadees use small sticks and grass, spit and other things

Eggs:

- Small like a penny
- Can lay 2 eggs at a time

Food:

- Meat
- Bugs (like spiders) but not poisonous ones
- Seeds

Did You Know?

Chickadees love to play hide-and-seek with robins in trees.

Voice/Song: tweet tweet

Lilah and Nina

Blue back

Black
beak



Perching
feet

Brown/orange
belly

Hi, I'm an eastern bluebird. I like to perch on branches and I like to eat grasshoppers.



Eastern Bluebird

Habitat:

- Open country areas, beaver ponds, burned pine. Savannas, backyards, golf courses, suburban parks.

Physical Description:

- Black beak, brown/orange belly, black feet, blue backs, perching feet

Nest:

- In tree cavities or nesting boxes
- Nest is made out of twigs and feathers on oak trees up to fifty feet off the ground

Eggs:

- Blue and rarely white
- Have 2-7 eggs at a time

Food:

- Insects and lots more insects
- Found on the ground

Did You Know?

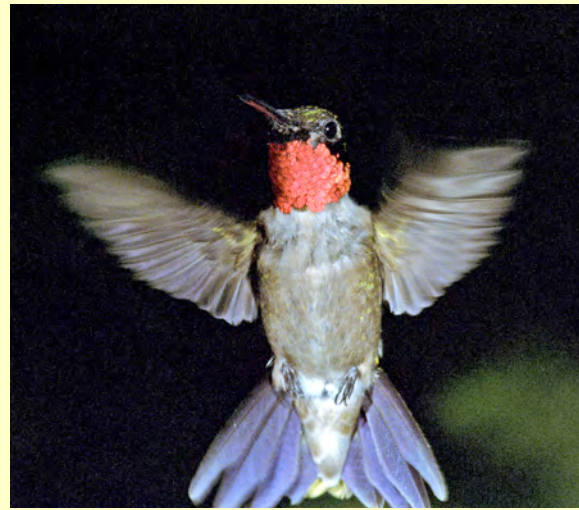
Babies are black when born. They can have white & blue eggs at the same time. They can nest in old woodpecker holes.

Voice/Song: fairly low pitched song made up of several phrases, low-pitched tu-a-wee

Grey and Preston

Red

Purple



Long beak

Green

Hi, I'm a ruby-throated homing bird. My cousin is completely white with an orange beak. I like to eat nectar.



Ruby-Throated Humming Bird

Habitat:

- Open woodland

Physical Description:

- Red neck, green bill and wings, purple tail

Nest:

- Nesting period 18 to 22 days
- Nests in trees made from thistle or dandelion

Eggs:

- Eggs 3 by 5 inches
- 1 to 2 eggs in the nest
- Tiny, white, weighing about half a gram

Food:

- Eat nectar from trumpet creeper, cardinal flower

Did You Know?

A Humming Bird beats its wings 53 to 100 times a second.

Voice/Song:

Chirpidy chirp

Dasha and Eun

Long neck

Orange
beak



Black knob

White
feathers

Hi I am a mute swan. I have a long neck and an orange beak. I have a black face too. I eat underwater plants and animals. I am a water bird that is all white. Bye!



Mute Swan

Habitat:

- Shallow ponds and ponds
- Streams
- Lakes
- Bogs
- Water areas

Physical Description:

- White feathers
- Orange beak
- Long neck
- Naked black knob

Nest:

- Made with grass, aquatic plants large mound of water grasses and rushes
- Placed on bank island or reed bed

Eggs:

- Blue to green when laid
- Turn white to brown when starting to hatch
- 1-11 eggs in a nest

Food:

- Aquatic plant
- Aquatic animals

Did You Know?

Mute swan chicks are called cygnets.
Mute swans have long necks to dive.

Voice/Song:

Auwy auwy hisses and barks

Tommy and Eli

Blue-grey
body

White with
black spots
on belly



Sharp
yellow and
grey beak

Long
pointed
wings

Hello, I'm a Peregrine Falcon. I am the fastest bird in the world. I eat shore birds, song birds and pigeons.



Peregrine Falcon

Habitat:

- Cliffs
- Bridges
- Tall Structures

Physical Description:

- Sharp beak
- Talons
- Pointed wings
- Wings span
- Head/crown

Nest:

- In cliffs/on cliffs
- Twigs and leaves

Eggs:

- 3-5 eggs each spring
- Brown eggs
- 2 in 5.2 cm

Food:

- Song birds
- Pigeons
- Shore birds
- Bats

Did You Know?

Peregrines can fly faster than 210 mph.

The word peregrine comes from a Latin word which means "to wander."

Voice/Song: haw haw haw haw haw

Aviv and Gus

Red
shoulder

Sharp
talons



Black eyes

Black and
white stripes

Hi, I am a red-shouldered hawk. I am a bird of prey. I am the only bird that can eat a whole dead elephant.



Red-Shouldered Hawk

Habitat:

- Red Shouldered Hawks live in bottomland hardwood stand
- They live in open land so it will be easier to catch prey

Physical Description:

- It has a red shoulder
- A curved beak
- Sharp talons

Nest:

- Red-Shouldered Hawks use nests from a long time ago
- They live near a pond, stream, or a swamp

Eggs:

- All kinds of colors
- 2-5 eggs
- Size- 2.1-2.2 inches

Food:

- Birds of prey will eat any other animal or birds
- Birds of prey eat fish, monkeys, snakes, lizards, dead elephants, whales

Did You Know?

American crow has a close relationship with the red-shouldered hawk.

Voice/Song: kee aah kee aah

Ariella, Dylan and Sophie

Red tail

Large nest



White head

Black beak

Hi, I am a red-tailed hawk. I have a red tail and a curved beak. I live in Central Park. My nest is in tall buildings.



Red-Tailed Hawk

Habitat:

- Meadows
- Desert
- Trees
- Forest
- Prairies
- Fields

Physical Description:

- Curved beak
- Red tail
- Brown wings
- It has a red tail and it is white and black and orange

Nest:

- On trees and cliffs
- On tall buildings

Eggs:

- It takes 25-30 days for a red tailed hawk eggs to hatch
- White eggs

Food:

- Little animals such as rabbits and rats
- Mammals make up the bulk of most red tailed hawk meals

Did You Know?

Red-tailed hawk has a thrilling, raspy scream.

Voice/Song: screech long screech

Grace and Amelia

Yellow bill

Red breast



Dark grey
back

Bluish tail

Hi, I am a robin. I have a red breast and yellow bill and I eat earthworms and insects.



Robin

Habitat:

- They eat and hunt in meadows
- Woods, backyard, or cities

Physical Description:

- Red belly
- Yellow beak
- Black tail
- Runs or hops

Nest:

- When they make the nest, they may need some help from the male
- They make the nest with twigs and mud to keep it together

Eggs:

- Pale blue-green
- 3 to 5 eggs

Food:

- Insects
- Earthworms

Did You Know?

A pale blue is the color of the Robin's egg and that is why the color is called robin's egg blue

Voice/Song: They sing early in the morning in fall and summer.

Chelsea and Leni

Big wings

Long wings



Sharp talons

Big eyes

I will not tell you who I am but I will give you some hints. When I fly I look very graceful, I live far north in the Arctic. You have one more hint: I am heavy.

Do you know what I am?

Yes, I am a snowy owl!



Snowy Owl

Habitat:

- When they migrate they go to South Canada
- Far north
- Arctic

Physical Description:

- Big eyes
- Small, hooked beak
- Round head
- Fat and heavy
- Some have blue eyes some have yellow eyes
- Big talons

Nest:

- Male choose where the nest sits
- Female builds nest pushing her body into the ground

Eggs:

- White with brown speckles
- Egg width 1.8 inches
- Egg length 2.2 inches
- 5.7cm

Food:

- Small animals
- Small mammals

Did You Know?

Snowy owl babies don't have speckles.

Snowy owls are nocturnal.

Voice/Song: Hoot whistle hiss

Calie and Westin

Curved beak

Red and
brown
feathers



Yellow
breast

Sharp
talons

Hi I am a Swainson's Hawk I am bird of prey. I am the only bird of prey that migrates. Migrates means that I go to a place in the winter and I come back in the spring.



Swainson's Hawk

Habitat:

- Grass land habitats

Physical Description:

- Sharp beak sharp talons
- Short tail broad wings

Nest:

- Swainson's Hawks nests are made out of sticks, twigs and debris such as rope and wire.
- Takes 17-22 days to make nest

Eggs:

- Clutch size 1-5 eggs
- Off white blotched with dark reddish brown or pale purple

Food:

- Swainson's Hawks eat mainly mammals

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Swainson's Hawk is the only bird of prey that migrates.

Voice/Song: eea eea eeah