

BACKYARD BIRDING



WHAT IS BIRDING? THIS IS A HOBBY WHERE WE CAN GO OUTSIDE AND OBSERVE BIRDS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT! WE NEED TO KEEP OUR EARS OPEN AND OUR EYES UP BECAUSE SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BIRDS WITH THE BEST SONGS TO SING ARE RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS!



DID YOU KNOW?



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN MAKE YOUR BACKYARD A PLACE BIRDS WILL WANT TO COME VISIT?

IF YOU HAVE OR CAN MAKE A BIRD FEEDER, BIRDHOUSE OR BIRD BATH AND PUT IT IN YOUR BACKYARD YOU SHOULD START TO SEE MORE BIRDS STOPPING BY THAT YOU CAN OBSERVE! GET CREATIVE TO MAKE YOUR BACKYARD A BIRD-FRIENDLY PLACE!

FUN FACT:



HUMMINGBIRDS ARE SPECIAL! THEY ARE THE ONLY BIRDS THAT CAN FLY BACKWARDS! AMAZING!

CAUTION

"DON'T SCARE THEM AWAY!"



BE SURE YOU APPROACH BIRDS VERY QUIETLY AND SLOWLY. YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO FLY OFF TOO SOON!

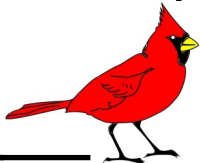


Let's see birds in action!

BIRD LOG

WHAT SEASON IS IT? (CIRCLE ONE) SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

DIRECTIONS: OBSERVE THE BIRDS IN YOUR BACKYARD AND KEEP A LOG BELOW DESCRIBING YOUR FINDINGS! BE SPECIFIC! YOU MAY WANT TO INCLUDE INFORMATION LIKE: WHERE IN THE YARD THE BIRD WAS WHEN YOU SAW IT, WHAT COLOR IT WAS, WHAT THE SHAPE OF ITS WINGS WERE, WHAT ITS BEAK LOOKED LIKE AND HOW BIG IT WAS! YOU CAN EVEN DRAW WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE! HAVE FUN WITH IT!



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT: DO YOU KNOW THAT EACH STATE HAS ITS VERY OWN STATE BIRD? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE STATE BIRD OF OKLAHOMA IS? IT'S THE SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ONE? TRY TO FIND ONE WHILE BIRDING! WHICH BIRD ABOVE IS A SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER? HOW DID YOU KNOW?