



Bird Detective

A Worksheet for Neighborhood Walks by Golden Gate Audubon Society

Visit a park or walk down your street. Look and listen for birds. When you see one:

What size is it?

- Sparrow-sized
- Robin-sized
- Duck-sized
- Goose-sized or larger

What are its main colors? (Name up to three.) _____

Where do you see it?

- Eating at a feeder
- Swimming or wading
- On the ground
- In trees or bushes
- On a fence or wire
- Soaring or flying

Is it alone or part of a flock of other birds? How many others? _____

Do the others look the same or different? How are they different? _____

Activities for home (or during your walk):

- Draw the bird.
- Make up a story about the bird. From what you can see, what might it be doing – looking for food, defending its territory, trying to attract a mate, building a nest, taking a rest, or ?????? If it's looking for food, what kind of food do you think it eats?
- Name that bird! Download the free **Merlin** app from Cornell Lab of Ornithology to your cellphone or go to allaboutbirds.org on your computer. Input the information you wrote down, and Merlin will show you names and photos to help you figure out what species of bird you saw.

Learn more! Visit goldengateaudubon.org or allaboutbirds.org.

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