



# 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](http://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](http://goldengateaudubon.org) or [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org).*

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