



Bird Habitat Scavenger Hunt

Objective:

Try to identify as many features of bird habitat on your checklist as possible. Bonus points: If you can hear or see birds on your scavenger hunt!

What you need:

Binoculars and the bird habitat checklist. Note: Binoculars are ideal for birding, but not absolutely necessary for this activity if you don't have access to any.

Post-savenger hunt questions:

See how many you can find then answer the questions below.

1. Based on the habitat features you found, which bird species are most likely to nest at your location?
2. For which birds did you find all of their habitat requirements?



Bird Habitat Checklist

Forest Generalists

Black-capped/Carolina Chickadee



- ☐ Deciduous forest
- ☐ Small cavity tree
- ☐ Spiders

Northern Flicker



- ☐ Deciduous forest
- ☐ Large cavity tree
- ☐ Ants

Forest Interior Birds

Wood Thrush



- ☐ Mature canopy trees
- ☐ Dense understory trees
- ☐ Dense leaf litter
- ☐ Caterpillars
- ☐ Spicebush with fruit

Scarlet Tanager



- ☐ Mature American beech trees in canopy
- ☐ Shaded, horizontal branch \geq 15m high in mature maple or beech
- ☐ Forest grasses
- ☐ Moth, grasshopper or beetle

Young Forest

Gray Catbird



- ☐ Dense shrubs with vines
- ☐ Shrubs or vines with berries
- ☐ Habitat disturbance features

Habitat Edge

American Robin



- ☐ Open woodland tree canopy
- ☐ Fruiting shrubs or trees
- ☐ Grass groundcover
- ☐ Habitat disturbance features