



@ HOME SCIENCE DISCOVERY MISSIONS – BIRDS’ WATCHING



What Do We Need?

- Window, balcony overlooking the street or yard (you could also visit a local park, if safe)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Bird guide or internet access
- Notebook, pen/pencil



Protocol

1. Observe early in the morning or later in the evening, when many of the urban birds are most active.
2. Watch the environment and the habitat. Birds generally prefer vegetation areas with food and shelter.
3. Be patient. Stay (at the window) without making a noise and avoid quick movements
4. Use bird guides or websites to help identify species.
5. Pay attention to the size of the body, colours, and proportion of the length of the beak and feet.
6. Record the species observed and heard in a field notebook. It is important to note the date, time of observation, location, and behaviour.
7. Repeat the process for several days. Factors such as climate and human intrusion influence their behaviour.



YOUR MISSION REPORT

- How many kinds of birds did you observe? Describe them and their behaviours!
- How are these birds a part of your local ecosystem? (for example, their importance, interaction with people, etc.)
- Where do you see science in this mission?



Did you know?
Birds (and other animals!) used to deliver our mail before!

Learn more!



Video here:
<https://tinyurl.com/ycucjnlb>

Student feedback - How did you like this mission?



not at all



not much



a bit



liked it



liked it a lot



liked it best

Family feedback - How did you like this mission?



not at all



not much



a bit



liked it



liked it a lot



liked it best

Did you use the 'Learn more!' resources?

Yes

No

What was good/bad about this mission?