



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!



Be a citizen scientist and count the birds that are seen where you live!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Field guide for your area
- Paper and something to write with
- Art supplies like colored pencils and markers
- You may also want to use binoculars, or a camera



HOW TO DO IT:

1. The Great Backyard Bird Count happens every year in mid-February. To participate, all you need to do is count and identify birds in your location for at least 15 minutes! Scientists can learn a lot from this information and it can help them answer questions about climate, migration patterns and more!
2. To get started, gather all your materials. It's also a good idea to brush up on what birds can be found in your area before you start since this can make identifying birds a little easier.
3. Get outside and start recording. Note the type and number of birds you see. You'll need to spend at least 15 minutes in a location. If you decide that birding is totally

your jam, try different spots in your neighborhood, or even go on a hike and see what you can find! Start a different list for each area you visit.

4. You can get creative with your observations by drawing birds you see, or even photographing them!



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