

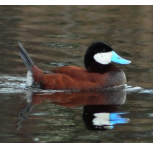
## These are some of the birds that can be found at Chichester Wetland Park in Kelowna.



### Mallard Duck

☐ I SAW IT!

The Mallard duck is the easiest duck to recognize because of its glossy green head. It has a brown chest and a gray body. The female has a brown and tan pattern and a white tip on her tail. They love water and have a loud "quack."



### Ruddy Duck

☐ I SAW IT!

The ruddy duck has a short, thick neck, a chunky body and stubby wings. The male bill is a bright sky blue. They are fairly quiet, but sometimes call out "chuck-uck-uck-uck-ur-r-r"



### Killdeer

☐ I SAW IT!

The Killdeer bird is really noisy! It sings almost all the time and sounds like it is saying, "Killdeer." It also sings, "Dee, Dee." See that it has two stripes on its neck and long legs for such a little bird.



### Downy Woodpecker

☐ I SAW IT!

Downy woodpeckers can be found in almost any place where there are trees. These black-and-white birds tap into tree trunks and branches for insects to eat. A loud tapping sound in the woods tells you a woodpecker is near.



### Yellow-headed Blackbird

☐ I SAW IT!

Its brilliant yellow head, together with its loud, rusty-hinge call, make the Yellow-headed Blackbird a conspicuous presence in western wetlands. It breeds in loose colonies and places its nest over water, attached to cattails and reeds.



### Easter Kingbird

☐ I SAW IT!

A large dark flycatcher of fields and other open areas, the Eastern Kingbird is a common and widespread species. Song a series of high-pitched sputtering notes followed by a downslurred buzzy "zeer." "Ti-t-t-ti-zeer." Also utters the "zeer's alone.



### American Goldfinch

☐ I SAW IT!

The American Goldfinch is a crazy flyer, and goes up and down, up and down. The males are bright yellow, and the females are yellow and brown. They like flower seeds and sing, "Tea-da-lee."



### American Robin

☐ I SAW IT!

The American Robin is known to be the first bird of springtime. But we see it most often out on our lawns, hunting for worms. It has a red belly and gray-black back and a yellow beak. It sings, "Tut, tut, tut."

# My Bird Watching Book



Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Bird watching can be a lot of fun, especially if you know what to look for!**

**When looking for birds, move very slowly and quietly; keeping your eyes and ears open.**

**When you see a bird, stand very still and watch closely without making sudden movements. Use**

**field glasses, if you have them.**

**Try to identify the bird using these guidelines:**

- **LOCATION**
- **SIZE**
- **SHAPE**
- **COLOUR**
- **SONG or CALL**



**Record your bird watching adventure!**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weather Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I've identified my bird! It is a....**

**This is what I learned about my bird!**

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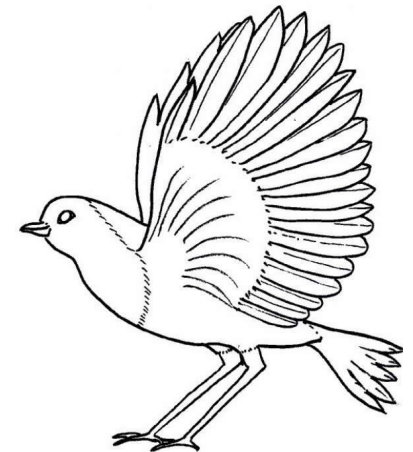
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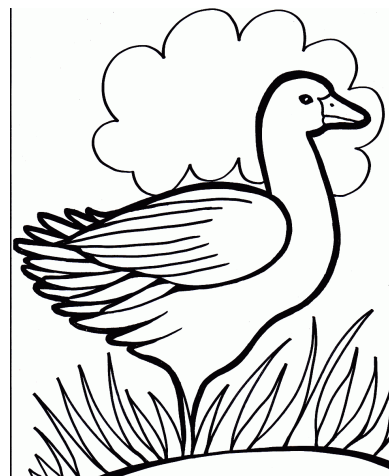
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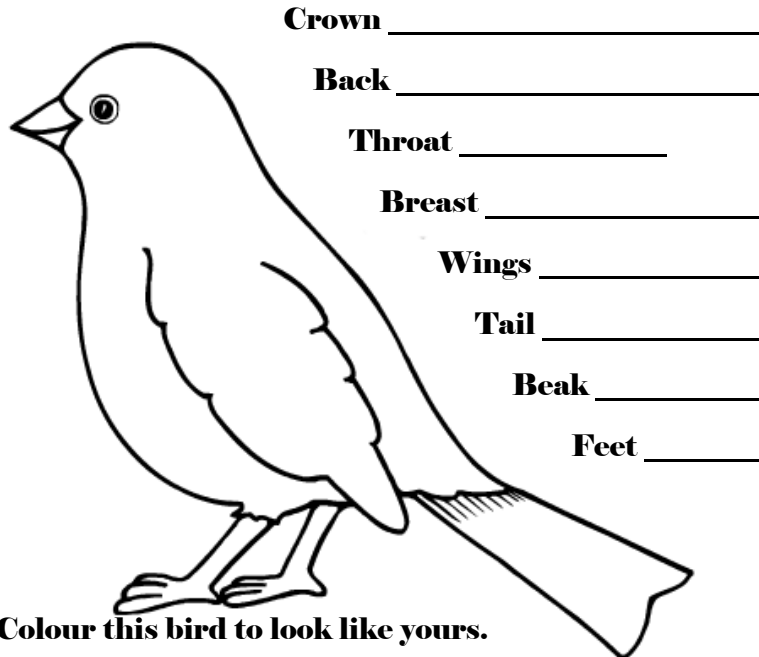
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## COLOUR:

What colour is your bird? Determine the colour of your bird's...



## SONG OR CALL:

Listen to the sound your bird makes.

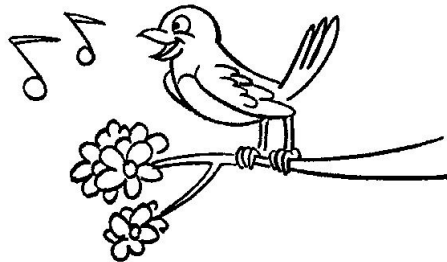
Some birds, like a chickadee, say their names. Others have squeaks, chirps or squawks. Many sing beautiful tunes.

Can you imitate your bird's sound?

Describe your bird's song or call.

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## LOCATION:

Some birds are found at the seashore, while others prefer open fields or wooded areas.

In the city, you will find most birds in parks or on playgrounds though many also like to build their homes under the eaves of tall buildings.

Describe the location where you found your bird:

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What was your bird doing? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you see your bird's nest? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe it: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIZE:**

The best way to determine the size of a bird is to compare it to the size of a bird you know.

A pigeon might be a good example to use.

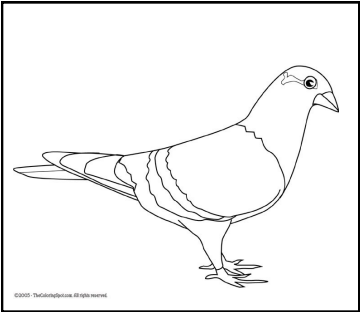
Compared to a pigeon, is your bird:

- ☐ Much larger
- ☐ A little larger
- ☐ Much smaller
- ☐ A little smaller
- ☐ About the same size



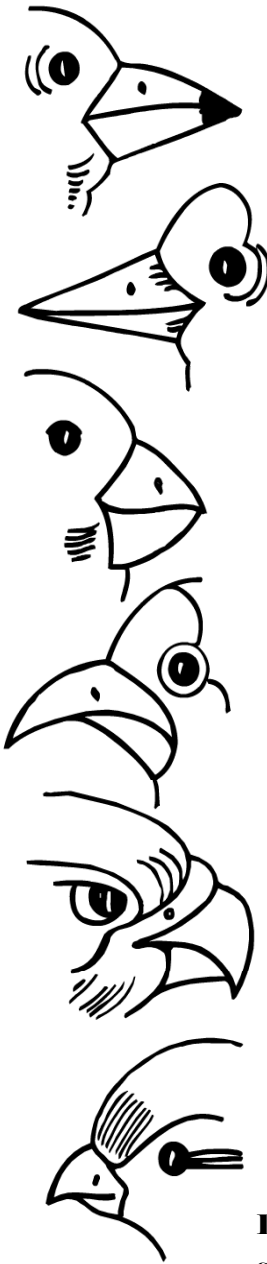
Draw a picture of your bird comparing its size to that of a pigeon.

Here is a picture of a pigeon.



**SHAPE:**

Next, identify your bird by its shape.



- Body Shape:**

☐ Long

☐ Short

☐ Plump

☐ Slender
- Tail Shape:**

☐ Pointed

☐ Square

☐ Long

☐ Short
- Leg Shape:**

☐ Long

☐ Short
- Beak Shape:**

☐ Thick

☐ Thin

☐ Long

☐ Short

☐ Curved

☐ Straight

Draw a picture of your bird showing the shape of its body, tail, legs and beak.