

## Bird Watching For Kids

*Kids are natural explorers, check out these tips to get your youth starting on Bird Watching!*

### How to Bird

- Birds are everywhere. Grab a blanket or a seat in your backyard, a local park, etc.
- Remind youth that some birds are harder to spot the others and some are easier to hear than others. Have youth close their eyes and listen, without opening their eyes, can they point to where a bird song is coming from?
- If you can't find any birds, can you find signs that they are nearby (nests, cracked seeds, droppings).
- Birding has one goal. To find as many birds as possible. Try this scavenger hunt to get started!



**Robin**



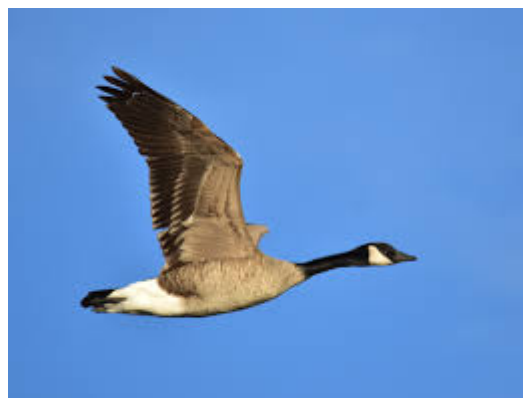
**Cardinal**



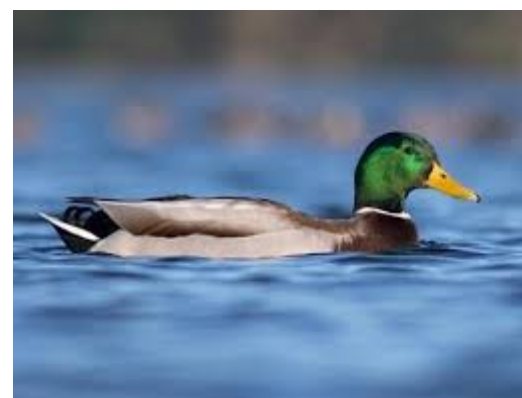
**Blue Jay**



**Hawk**



**Canada Geese**



**Duck**



**Crow/Black Bird**



**Sparrow**

### Other Tips:

- Let your youth make the choices, this is a great opportunity to encourage their independence. Let your youth choose which park, trail or path you visit. Allow your youth to point out objects and/or safely lead the way.
- If you have a pair of binoculars, teach them to use them (hold steady, focus the wheel) by asking them to read signs or point things out at varying distances. This could turn into a game of "I Spy".
- Sound off! Parents/Guardians pull up different bird noises, calls and chirps on the internet. Have kids listen and learn them before heading out.

We want to see all the fun you are having! If you post photos to social media please use the #WSREC and #WSEC. Also, Check out West Seneca Birding on Facebook!

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