

# Find a bird that...<sup>1</sup>

## Activity Instructions:

**Purpose:** To practice observation and identification skills. (Also: Can be used to reinforce use of bird anatomy terms and field guide.)

**Materials needed:**

One handout per student (next page)

One or more sets of images of birds (can use the ones found in “Who are you?”)

**Directions:**

If possible, use this after introducing bird anatomy terms. (Could use “Pin the Feather” to introduce terms.)

Hand out “Find a bird that...” sheet and review the directions with students.

*“Directions: Please find at least one bird that matches each description.”*

Give students adequate time to work on the task. (If possible/appropriate, have them check the bird species by using the index in their field guides.)

When everyone is done, take time to review, answer questions, note additional observations, etc.

**Answer Key: (If using images from “Who are you?”)**

Find the birds that have.	Bird Number(s)/ Letters:	Name of bird species:
... red scapulars.	L	Red-winged Blackbird (L)
...a red breast.	I and/or K	American Robin (I) and/or Northern Cardinal (K)
...a hooked bill.	F	Red-tailed Hawk (F)
...a crest.	G and/or K	Blue Jay (G) and/or Northern Cardinal (K)
...a white throat.	D and/or E	Northern Mockingbird (D) and Herring Gull (E)
...white undertail coverts.	B, D, G, I, J, and/or M	House Sparrow (B), Northern Mockingbird (D), Blue Jay (G), American Robin (I), Black-capped Chickadee (J), American Goldfinch (M) (These are just the ones which are easy to observe in the pics provided.)
...a yellow bill.	E, H, I, and/or M	Herring Gull (E), European Starling (H), American Robin (I), and/or American Goldfinch (M) (Though this one is really more pink-ish.)
...blue primaries.	G	Blue Jay (G), (Note: this is a good opportunity to review any confusion about color –since some printers really make grey things look blue!)
...pink legs and feet.	A, E, H, and/or M	Rock Pigeon (A), Herring Gull (E), European Starling (H), American Goldfinch (M)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Find a bird that...

**Directions:** Please find at least one bird that matches each description.

<b>Find the birds that have...</b>	<b>Bird Number(s)/ Letters:</b>	<b>Name of bird species:</b>
... red scapulars.		
...a red breast.		
...a hooked bill.		
...a crest.		
...a white throat.		
...white undertail coverts.		
...a yellow bill.		
...blue wings.		
...pink legs and feet.		
... _____ (Choose your own description.)		