

# Bird Watching Starter Sheet

A beginner field sheet for noticing birds before naming them.

<b>Best for</b> Beginner birders	<b>Format</b> Printable PDF	<b>Use</b> Print or save offline
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## Observation Details

- Date and time:
- Place or habitat:
- Weather:
- Seen, heard, or both:
- Photo, sketch, or notes:

## First Clues

- Size: sparrow, robin, crow, goose, or other.
- Shape: round, slender, long-necked, long-tailed, or chunky.
- Main colors:
- Bill shape:
- Tail shape:
- Wing pattern:

## Behavior

- Perching, hopping, walking, climbing, swimming, or soaring.
- Feeding on ground, tree, flower, water, or air.
- Alone, pair, family group, or flock.
- Repeated motion:

## Sound

- Call or song description:
- Pitch: high, low, sharp, harsh, musical, or repeated.
- Pattern: one note, phrase, trill, chatter, or rhythm.
- Where the sound came from:

## Cautious ID

- Best broad guess:
- Evidence supporting the guess:
- What still feels uncertain:
- One field mark to look for next time:

**Respect wildlife: Watch from a distance, do not approach nests or young birds, and avoid playing calls loudly around wildlife.**