

FACTivity

In this FACTivity, you will do a similar study to the student scientists in this research.

Using your school library, the Internet, and other resources, identify five birds that should live in the natural area around your school. Divide your class into five groups. Each group will do research about a different bird. The question each group will answer is: Is the natural area around our school a good habitat for the bird we are researching?



To answer your question, you will need to develop a method similar to the student scientists in this research. You will need to find out what kind of resting and nesting areas your bird needs. You will also need to identify what kind of food your bird eats to survive. When you have completed your research, write up your results using the same format as the student scientists. You may want to include photos, drawings, and other illustrations in your report.



If you are a PLT-trained educator, you may use #22 "Trees as Habitats" as an additional resource.

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