

Photo courtesy of Paul Hamel.

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Meet an Ornithologist!

Dr. Paul Hamel is an ornithologist who asks questions about the balance between living a comfortable human life and maintaining good habitat for migratory birds. Migratory birds are birds that have the characteristic of moving from one place to another on a periodic basis.

Word Game

Unscramble the letters to discover the word.

(Hint: Each word was used in the “Meet a Scientist” section above.)

TAHITAB _____

BSDRI _____

LEBACNA _____

GITRAYROM _____

DECIRPIO _____

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An
ornithologist
studies birds.

Be an Ornithologist...

Each bird species has unique features that set it apart from others. Compare the two pictures below. Circle, list, or discuss as many differences as you can find between the birds.



Great Egret

Photo: Lee Kamey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



American Goldfinch

Photo: Dave Menke, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

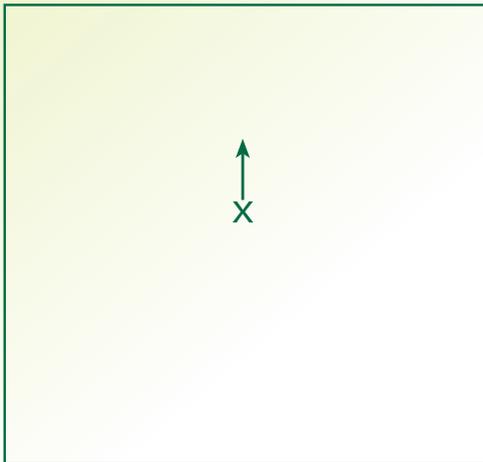
Like Ornithology? Do More!

Birds call and sing to communicate with other birds. Find a location nearby to sit or stand quietly for 5 minutes. Your location is the "X," and the arrow is pointing in the direction you are facing. When you hear a bird, mark its location in the square relative to your location.



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birds, use
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Outdoor Tip:

Never touch or pick up young birds, bird eggs, or a bird's nest! You may attract predators to the nest of young birds.