

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Malachi will be able to identify and observe different bird species in Greenpatch National Park through bird watching activities.

Materials and Prep

- Binoculars
- Field guide to birds
- Notebook and pencil
- Comfortable clothing and shoes for outdoor exploration

No prior knowledge is required, just bring your curiosity and enthusiasm for birds!

Activities

- **Bird Bingo:** Create a bingo card with pictures of different bird species found in Greenpatch National Park. Go bird watching and mark off the birds you see on your card.
- **Bird Journal:** Observe and sketch the birds you see in your notebook. Write down any interesting behaviors or characteristics you notice.
- **Bird Feeder:** Create a simple bird feeder using a pinecone, peanut butter, and birdseed. Hang it outside your window and observe the birds that come to feed.

Talking Points

- **Introduction to Bird Watching:** "Bird watching is like a treasure hunt, but instead of gold, we're looking for beautiful birds in the park."
- **Using Binoculars:** "Binoculars help us see birds up close, just like using a magnifying glass to see tiny details."
- **Bird Identification:** "Each bird has its own colors and patterns that make it unique, like wearing a special costume."
- **Quiet Observation:** "Birds are easily scared, so we need to be very quiet and still to watch them without scaring them away."
- **Recording Observations:** "Drawing and writing about the birds we see helps us remember them and learn more about their habits."