

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify different bird species, understand their habitats, and appreciate the importance of birdwatching in nature.

## Materials and Prep

- Binoculars
- Field guide on birds
- Journal and pen
- Access to a backyard, park, or nature area
- No prior knowledge needed, just curiosity and enthusiasm!

## Activities

- **Bird Identification:** Use your binoculars and field guide to identify at least 5 different bird species in your area. Record your findings in your journal.
- **Nesting Observation:** Find a bird's nest (without disturbing it) and observe the behavior of the parent birds. Write down your observations and draw a picture of the nest.
- **Bird Feeder Creation:** Create a simple bird feeder using materials at home, such as a plastic bottle or a pinecone covered in peanut butter and birdseed. Hang it outside and observe which birds visit.

## Talking Points

- **Birdwatching Basics:** "Birdwatching is like a treasure hunt in nature. We use binoculars to spot birds and field guides to help us identify them."
- **Bird Habitats:** "Birds live in various habitats like forests, wetlands, and cities. Each bird has a preferred place to build its nest and find food."
- **Migration:** "Some birds fly long distances during certain times of the year. This is called migration, and it helps them find better food and nesting grounds."
- **Bird Conservation:** "Birdwatching can also help us understand the importance of protecting birds and their habitats. We can contribute by creating bird-friendly spaces in our own backyard."