

Birds of a Feather

60+ minutes



If you have been spending some time outdoors over the past few weeks, you should have noticed the abundance of birds now inhabiting the Bathurst area. At my house, the birds start singing and chirping well before 6:00 a.m. - it is the best alarm clock ever.

Did you know that New Brunswick is home to over 400 species of birds? It makes sense- 85% of our province is woodland so we have lots of [habitat](#).

For this lesson, you are going to go birdwatching. Your mission is to accurately identify 8-10 different species of birds in your neighborhood and take a picture of each. To accurately identify a bird, you need to make some careful observations. See the instructions below on how to do this. The goal is to identify birds you are not familiar with- for example, if you already know what a blue jay looks like, don't pick that bird for your list of 8- 10.

Carefully read the instructions below to complete this lesson!

1. Check out this site: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/inside-birding/> Watch the videos on bird identification(4 in total)
2. Get outside and start birdwatching! Be patient and try to get very clear pics that show all the details of the bird's appearance. The pics must be **your own**- no Internet images!

3. Use this site: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/> Click on ' Get Instant ID Help' to help you in your identification. There is also a cool app called BIRDnet that identifies birds using a recording of their call only-give it a try.

4. After you have identified 8- 10 birds, do a bit of research on them. List 5 interesting facts about any of your birds such as their range, diet, nesting habits, etc. Share your work on Teams when finished.
Note: the birds at the top of this document are common in N.B.