

Bird Behavior Scavenger Hunt

Behavior	✓	Beginner Birders	✓	Good-At-It Birders	✓	Birders with Mad Skills
 Flying	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flapping	<input type="checkbox"/>	3-4 Quick flaps and coast, repeat (undulating)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hovering (wings flapping, staying in place)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soaring (wings not flapping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow flapping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aerial courting/acrobatics
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two birds flying together	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quick flapping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Murmuration (flock swopping and twisting)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A flock (group) of birds flying together	<input type="checkbox"/>	A wedge— flock of birds flying in a v-shape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flying backwards
 Foraging	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pecking seeds on the ground or from a plant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drilling for food	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stabbing food in the water
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carrying insects in its beak	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eating seed without using feet to hold seed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scavenging (eating something dead)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dabbling in water (nibbling surface of water)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catching insects while flying	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sipping nectar
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dipping (dunking head, neck and 1/2 of body)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunting by ambush (sitting still waiting for prey)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caching (hiding) food
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diving under water completely	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunting by soaring in circles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carrying food in talons (claws)
 Moving About	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hopping on the ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	Going up or down a tree trunk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diving through the air
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult bird faking an injury
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hopping branch to branch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hawking* (flies out from a perch to catch prey)
 Grooming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taking a bath in water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preening feathers with beak (nibbling at feathers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oiling feathers***
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruffling (shaking) feathers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taking a dust bath	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anting ****
 Sounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alarm call (repeated warning call)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobbing** call (birds alarm calling together)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drumming/knocking on a tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baby birds begging for food	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mating call
 Birdy Behaviors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Collecting nesting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nest not in a tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weaving a nest
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listening' to hear insects moving in the ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scratching the ground with one foot at a time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scratching the ground with 2 feet together
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small bird chasing a bigger bird	<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds mobbing (harassing) a larger bird	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sleeping
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A raft—flock of birds floating on the water	<input type="checkbox"/>	A kettle—group of birds soaring in circles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bird(s) mobbing a mammal

* Hawking - remember insects are also consider prey

** Mobbing - birds gather around a predator, making lots of noise and sometimes flying or diving at the predator

*** Oiling - with its beak, a bird takes oil from a gland at the base of the tail and rubs it onto its feathers for waterproofing.

**** Anting - crush ants with its beak and rubs them over its feathers for a deep cleaning.



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