

Scavenger Hunt: Birds (Level 2)

What bird would you choose to be today?! I would choose to be a pelican, gliding inches above the surface of the glittered ocean, taking huge fish filled gulps of salty water, and occasionally surfing a wave or two. If you haven't tried our [Birds Level 1 Scavenger Hunt](#), it's a great place to begin. Otherwise, let's take it up a notch and get to know some other feathered friends.

LEVEL 2

This is a seated scavenger hunt! Grab some water, find a shady spot to sit and settle in. Give the birds a couple minutes to return to baseline and see how long it takes for them to return.

one bird singing a song at least two different times

Did the song come from the same place each time? How long was it between songs? Did the song come from high up in a tree, from a medium height shrub, or low to the ground?

one bird pecking, or scratching on the ground for two minutes

What does this bird look like? Size, color, shape...Was the bird alone or with friends? What do you think they were doing on the ground?

one bird flying back and forth between two different spots

How far away are the spots? Did the bird make any sound at the spot or on the way there?

one bird twice as big as a bird you've already seen

What did the big bird look like? Size, color, shape...What were they doing?

too many birds in a flock to count them all

No questions here, flocks of birds are a magical gift! Turn that face skyward and soak in the sight of feathered friends!

20 Bird Challenge

This 20 Bird Challenge is an open ended hunt. There are ten species of birds on this list and your goal is to see two different birds from each species, for a total of 20 unique birds. Depending on your mood, you can peck away at finding a few birds a day or go for the WHOLE LIST in one sitting or one walk. All methods work!

□ □ American Crow

I usually hear crows before I see them - they're always up to something fun.

□ □ Western Scrub Jay

This mischievous sky blue friend loves taking over bird feeders and hanging out with a pal or two and causing a ruckus.

□ □ Acorn Woodpecker

WAKA WAKA - what a fun call this flyer makes. And such bold colors! Look near snags (dead trees) telephone poles, and palms for their granary holes plugged with acorns.

□ □ Gull

Quick! Put your cheetos away!

□ □ California Towhee

Mostly brown, but did they sit in a bowl of brick colored paint?

□ □ Red Tailed Hawk

Look up! These regal flyers are often mobbed by crows.

□ □ Mallard

Piw-piw-piw-piw-piw-piw-piw-piw-piw-piw - the distinctive sound of mallards flying overhead...

□ □ Mockingbird

Because Three AM is always a good time to practice imitating every other bird call you know. Listen long enough and you'll hear one.

□ □ Dark Eyed Junco

Stout and adorable, these ground feeders are just waiting for you to throw a handful of seeds in your yard for them to feast on!

□ □ Turkey Vulture - *It is rumored that turkey vultures can smell dead animals a mile away.*

