

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory  
Bird Scavenger Hunt  
Bay Area Science Festival  
October 21-25, 2020

*How many of these birds can you find? Write down the date you observed it. Even if you didn't find the bird, try answering as many of the questions as you can.*

**Black Phoebe**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Watch this bird's behavior. It often sits on a perch, flies away for a few seconds, and returns to the same perch. What do you think it's doing?

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**House Finch**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Male House Finches are bright red and females are streaky and brown. Why do you think males and females have these different colors?

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**Mourning Dove**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think the Mourning Dove gets its name? (hint: listen!)

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**American Crow**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Crows are known for being very smart birds. What do you see crows doing?

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**Canada Goose**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Many Canada Geese are migratory, meaning they move to different places in the summer and winter. Why do some birds migrate?

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**Turkey Vulture**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Vultures play a very important role in the ecosystem. Can you guess what it is?

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**Anna's Hummingbird**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Hummingbirds fiercely defend their territories. Why do you think they do this?

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**California Towhee**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Towhees are large sparrows and sometimes peck at their reflection. Why do you think they do this?

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**California Scrub Jay**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Scrub Jays often store acorns. Why do you think they do this?

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*How many of these bird behaviors can you observe? Write down the date you saw it. Even if you didn't observe the behavior, try answering as many of the questions as you can.*

**Flying flock of birds**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some reasons birds might fly in flocks instead of flying alone?

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**Birds on a wire**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Birds can perch upon a wire without getting shocked. Why do you think birds are able to touch cables safely?

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**Soaring**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Soaring is when birds stay flying in the air without needing to flap their wings. How do you think they do this?

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**Mobbing**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobbing is when smaller birds swoop at and chase a larger bird. Why do you think they do this?

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**Feeding**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the bird you found eating?

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**Singing or calling**

Date observed: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of information do you think birds communicate when they sing or call?

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*Sketch a bird you saw.*

*What other birds did you see? List the species or describe them here.*