



BIRD SCAVENGER HUNT

SAN FRANCISCO BAY
BIRD OBSERVATORY

OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25, 2020

How many of these birds can you find? Write down the date you observed it!

BLACK PHOEBE



DATE:

Phoebes often sit on a perch, fly for a few seconds, and return to the same perch. What do you think it's doing?

HOUSE FINCH



DATE:

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

MOURNING DOVE



DATE:

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

AMERICAN CROW



DATE:

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

CANADA GOOSE



DATE:

Many geese are migratory; they move to different places in the summer & winter. Why do some birds migrate?

TURKEY VULTURE



DATE:

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

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD



DATE:

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

**CALIFORNIA
TOWHEE**



DATE:

Towhees sometimes peck at their reflection. Why do you think they do this?

**CALIFORNIA
SCRUB JAY**



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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!

FLYING FLOCK OF BIRDS



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

BIRD ON A WIRE



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

SOARING



DATE:

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

MOBBING



DATE:

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

FEEDING



DATE:

What is the bird you found eating?

SINGING/CALLING



DATE:

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

Sketch a bird you saw!

What other birds did you see?

List the species or describe them.