

CELEBRATE AUSTIN AND BALCONES CANYONLANDS NWR AREA BIRDS

WHAT TO DO:

Pick a time and outdoor place, and then watch birds for 10 minutes. Complete this form. Enter your observations in Ebird (<http://ebird.org/>). Ask a parent teacher to create an Ebird User name for you and a password. By reporting the birds you see, you will be helping scientists to study and conserve birds.

HOW TO DO IT

1. Pick a date, time and place (balcony, yard, park, etc.) for your bird watch BEFORE you go out.
2. At the time you choose, start your 10-minute bird watch, even if no birds are present when you begin. Record which birds you see in your bird-watching area during the 10-minute period.
3. Repeat your bird watch on two more days (or as many as you wish; you can make copies of this form).

- **Where is your bird-watching area?**

Street address _____

City _____, TX. Zip: _____

If your bird-watching area is part of a larger green space, such as a park or school ground, what is its name, if it has one? _____

- **Circle just ONE answer that best describes your bird-watching area.**

Single tree or potted plant Backyard Park Community Garden
 Rooftop Garden Yard Tree-lined street Other _____

- **Check which of these birds you saw during your 10-minute watch. (if you can't CONFIDENTLY identify a species, please fill in the unsure box.)**

| Bird | Day 1 | | | Day 2 | | | Day 3 | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| | Day __ | Month __ | AM/PM | Day __ | Month __ | AM/PM | Day __ | Month __ | AM/PM |
| | Yes | No | Unsure | Yes | No | Unsure | Yes | No | Unsure |
| Northern Mockingbird | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | | | | | | | | | |
| American Robin | | | | | | | | | |
| Barn Swallow | | | | | | | | | |
| Killdeer | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-Crested Titmouse | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Chickadee | | | | | | | | | |
| House Finch | | | | | | | | | |
| Bewick's Wren | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird | | | | | | | | | |
| White-winged Dove | | | | | | | | | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | | | | | | |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker | | | | | | | | | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | | | | | | | | | |

You can return this completed sheet to: EE Specialist, Balcones Canyonlands NWR, 24518 FM 1431, Marble Falls TX 78654 – for a prize.

CITY SLICKERS BIRD IDENTIFICATION CHALLENGE

Get to know these City Slickers!

Look for these birds in your neighborhood and near your schools.

You may be surprised to learn how many different kinds of birds live in the city.

Even in cities, where it seems birds might not have an easy time, they have made themselves a home.



NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD



NORTHERN CARDINAL



BLUE JAY



AMERICAN ROBIN



BARN SWALLOW



KILLDEER



BLACK CRESTED TITMOUSE



CAROLINA CHICKADEE



HOUSEFINCH (MALE & FEMALE)



BEWICK'S WREN



BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD



WHITE-WINGED DOVE



CHIMNEY SWIFT



LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER



WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW