

Birds of Hay River

Age/Grade Range

- Ages: 8-11

Group Size

- Up to 20 students

Time

- Set-up: 30 minutes
- Activity: 1 hr

Materials

- Two pairs of bird cards
- NWT bird checklists
- Map of Hay River
- Photos of birds of the area
- Origami/folding paper
- Binoculars
- Colouring sheet

Set-Up

1. Gather materials and prepare a map and bird cards.

Activity Directions

1. Warm-up Game (10min)
 - a. Two sets of bird cards with the noise the bird makes on the back.
 - b. Hand them out – kids have to make the noise and try and find their partner. To make it harder, use blindfolds. To make it easier, add actions.
2. Let's find some birds (15min)
 - a. How can you identify birds? Hand out bird survey checklists.
 - b. Go to the visitor centre to look at birdhouses. Use binoculars and take 10 minutes to look for birds, write down the ones you see.
3. Birds of Hay River (15min)
 - a. Explain about some really neat birds – migrating birds! What do they need? Specific habitats. What birds have they seen? Where?



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Topics

- Ecology and Animals

Objective

- Play a games.
- Learn all about the birds that live in Hay River.





- b. Use an air photo map of Hay River and hand out the 'Birds of Hay River' pieces, have each kid decide where the bird lives/or where they can be seen on the map and put the picture in that place!
 - i. Swallow – under the bridge
 - ii. Eagle – river valley
 - iii. Raven – in town
 - iv. Shorebirds/seagulls – along the beach
 - v. Songbirds/owls – in the forests
4. Bird flight (20min)
 - a. Talk about different styles of flight.
 - b. Make paper airplanes and have a flying contest.
5. If there is enough time, in the end, have the kids do the Colouring sheet

Pairs Well With

- Bird Beak Buffet

Print Outs

- Birds of Hay River Photos and Colouring Sheet

