Birds of Hay River



# Topic

* Ecology and Animals

# Objective

* Learn about birds that live in Hay River.
* Play some games.

## Environmental Education Activity

# Age/Grade Range

* 8-11

# Group Size

* up to 20 students

# Time

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

# Materials

* 2 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: Noah’s Ark (10min)
   1. 2 sets of bird cards with the noise the bird makes on the back.
   2. 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)
   1. How can you identify birds? Hand out bird survey checklists.
   2. Go to the visitor centre to look at bird houses. Use binoculars and take 10 minutes to look for birds, write down the ones you see.
3. Birds of Hay River (15min)
   1. Explain about some really neat birds – migrating birds! What do they need? Specific habitats. What birds have they seen? Where?
   2. Use airphoto 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!
      1. Swallow – under the bridge
      2. Eagle – river valley
      3. Raven – in town
      4. Shore birds/seagulls – along the beach
      5. Song birds/owls – in the forests
4. Bird flight! Talk about different styles of flight. Make paper airplanes and have a flying contest!!
5. If there’s time at 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