

WINGIN' IT

A Conservation Nation Academy Lesson

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TIME REQUIRED

15 minutes for video and 20-30 minutes for outdoor exploration

SUMMARY

Created in collaboration with birding expert, Sam DeJarnett, this video will introduce your students to the very basics of paying attention to & observing birds outdoors. You do not need any experience or special skills to enjoy watching birds; you just need to get outside and start noticing!

OBJECTIVES

- Students learn and practice strategies for noticing birds using multiple senses.
- Students go outside to put those skills into practice by noticing birds in the schoolyard and paying attention to sounds, movements, colors, and signs of bird activity.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT www.conservationnation.org/lessons

- Wingin' It Video featuring Sam DeJarnett
- Wingin' It Student Worksheet (print one per student)
- Vocabulary list

OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED

- A clipboard for each student (or make your own using manilla folders with binder clips)
- A pen or pencil for each student
- If available, binoculars or bird guides can be used, but they are not necessary to enjoy birds!

INSTRUCTIONS

- First, watch the video as a class and let Sam teach you the basics of birding.
- Afterwards, take your students outdoors with their Wingin' It student worksheets and pencils to record their observations using the strategies that Sam introduces.

REFLECTION

Ask your students to share their observations and how it made them feel to spend time outside noticing birds. Remind them that no two people see or experience the world in the same way, and that is why it is so much fun to go birding with friends and to compare notes on what they observe. Think about doing a 10-minute birding walk every week ---the more comfortable your students become outdoors, the more they will notice!

We hope you enjoyed this lesson!
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