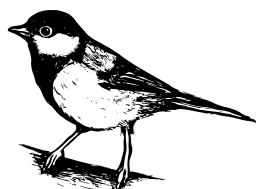




Welcome to Birding Bingo!



A nest	A bird looking for food on the ground	A puddle deep enough to bathe in	A bird of prey (hawk, eagle, owl)	A bird you can hear but not see
A yellow bird	Woodpecker holes in a tree	Two birds calling back and forth	Seeds that a bird could eat	A blue bird
A feather on the ground	A flock of birds together	<i>Free Space!</i>	Another guest with binoculars	A bird perched on something made by people
A bird that can camouflage	A flock of geese	A red bird	Berries that a bird could eat	An all-black bird
A bird preening or cleaning itself	A place that birds might sit to keep warm	Bugs that a bird could eat	Bird footprints	A flower that a hummingbird would like

Some birding fun facts!

If you look up over the Hudson River, you can sometimes see ***bald eagles*** flying up and down the river and shoreline, using their sharp eyesight to look for fish and small mammals to eat. The bald eagle population in New York State has gone from almost zero in 1972 to more than 600 today!

If you see a gray-blue bird with a flash of white in its tail, that is probably a ***northern mockingbird***. These birds stick around all winter and have a number of unique calls—several hundred of them—including imitations of many other bird calls.

Wave Hill is home to many *mourning doves*. These light-brown birds look like pigeons, and are closely related. The whistling sound that you hear when they take off is actually a sound their wings make!

Some of the oak trees you see around Wave Hill may have been planted long ago by ***blue jays***. These bold, blue birds hide acorns in the ground much like squirrels, and the forgotten acorns often grow. If you hear a loud “JAY! JAY!” coming from the forest, that might be a warning from a blue jay to other forest animals that there is an intruder nearby.

If you sit quietly in the Flower Garden, you might see a *hummingbird* zip by and hover to feed on a flower. Some hummingbirds migrate as far as Canada to Costa Rica every year, which is a long trip for such tiny birds!

Questions to think about:

In which areas of the gardens did you see evidence of birds living? Which area had the most evidence or bingo clues? The least?

What resources (food, water, shelter) exist in each place you visited? How do you think that affects the number of birds you saw?

Do you think your results would be different if you had visited Wave Hill in a different season? Why?