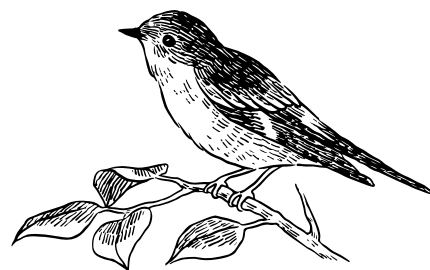




# Merlin Bird ID Citizen Science Activity



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Welcome, citizen scientist, to RHP's Merlin Bird ID Activity! By completing this activity and sending your findings to **rhpbirds@gmail.com**, you help us log and track birds in the park. Below are materials and instructions to start your journey!

## Materials needed:

- "Merlin Bird ID" app **free** for IOS and Android
- Activity print out or similarly formatted notebook page
- Writing implement
- Your eyes, ears, and love of birds!

## Optional materials:

- Bird ID book for additional identification
- Binoculars
- Camera
- GPS app for coordinates

## Instructions:

1. Download and register in the Merlin app to use their recording tool
2. Find a nice spot in RHP to take sound recordings of birds you are observing
3. Complete the following information about birds observed in the park; try to be as complete as possible. A direct sighting is ideal, although the Merlin app will recognize birds above and around you. *Note: the Merlin app is not 100% accurate*
4. Send your activity sheet to **rhpbirds@gmail.com** if you would like your findings to be used in data collection and in our Monthly Bird Roundup

**Common birds found in RHP:**

- American Robin *Turdus migratorius*
- Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata*
- Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*
- Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*
- Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*
- Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus virens*



Male and  
female mallard

**Common waterfowl found in RHP:**

- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*
- Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

**Common raptors and vultures found in RHP:**

- Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*
- Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*
- Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

American Robin



Photos by Steve McPeake

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