

Virginia Bird ID Quiz

Around the room is a collection of Virginia Bird species.
Identify as many as you can. The workshop participant with the most
correct answers wins a door prize.

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Bird watchers use many clues to help them identify birds they see in the field, including silhouettes, plumage, sounds, behaviors, habitat and field marks.

Identify as many species as you can from the photos and silhouettes in the room.



To identify birds in the field ask yourself these questions.

Silhouette (size and shape)

How big is the bird in relation to a known species such as a robin?

What shape is the beak?

How big is the beak relative to the rest of the body?

How long is the tail compared to the body?

Is the end of the tail square, pointed, round, or forked?

How long are the legs compared to the body?

Plumage (color and pattern of the bird's feathers)

What color are the feathers?

How would you describe the color pattern?

Other Field Marks (visible characteristics)

Is there an eye ring (tissue or feathers surrounding the eye) and what color is it?

What color are the legs?

Can you find other markings?

Habitat

Where do you see the bird (land, shore, water, etc.)?

