

# Backyard Birds Safari

## Materials

- 2 toilet paper rolls
- String
- Hole punch
- Decorating supplies (crayons, paint, stickers)
- Glue or stapler

## Instructions

1. Decorate the toilet paper rolls.
2. Staple or glue the rolls together lengthwise.
3. Hole punch the sides of binoculars near the top.
4. Tie string through the holes.
5. Use your binoculars to try and find the common Kansan birds below.



## American Robin

Description: 9-11 inches long, black or gray head and body, reddish-orange underbelly

Habitat: grassy and wooded areas

Diet: insects, worms, & worms

Call: *cheer up, cheerily, cheerily*



## Canada Goose

Description: 30-45 inches long, black head and neck, white "chinstrap", brown body

Habitat: Lakes, ponds, marshes, fields

Diet: grass, aquatic plants, sedges, berries

Call: *honk, honk, honk*



## Red-winged Blackbird

Description: black body with red and yellow patch on wing (male), all brown body (female)

Habitat: marshes, wetlands, open fields

Diet: insects, seeds, spiders

Call: *chortle-dee; tseer*



## Common Grackle

Description: 11-13 inches long, blackish body with iridescence of purples, blues, and greens

Habitat: open and semi-open area

Diet: insects, berries, seeds, frogs, minnows

Call: a variety of croaks, whistles, and squeaks



## European Starling

Description: 8 inches long, iridescent black with white specks

Habitat: open areas, disturbed habitat

Diet: insects, berries, seeds

Call: *breathy wolf-whistle*



## Mourning Dove

Description: 12 inches long; brown gray with a black speck on cheek, darker wings

Habitat: open and semi open areas;

Diet: seeds

Call: *hooo-ah hoo-hoo-hoo*



## Northern Cardinal

Description: 8-9 inches long, red with a black face (males), brown with some red (female); crest on head

Habitat: woodlands edges, bushy/semi-open areas

Diet: seeds, grain, berries, insects

Call: *per-cheer-cheer-cheer*



## House Sparrow

Description: 6-7 inches long; gray and brown (male), brown and yellowish brown (female)

Habitat: disrupted areas, urban areas

Diet: seeds, crumbs from humans

Call: *chiddik, chiddik*

