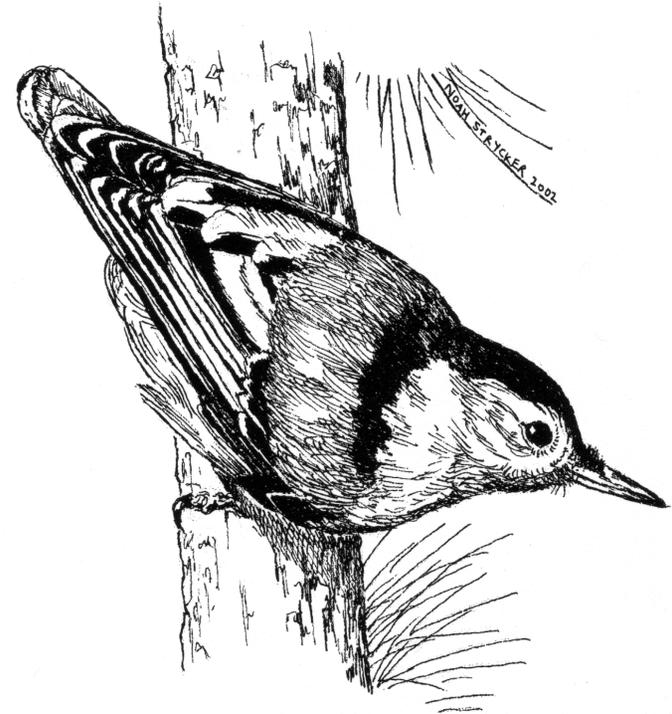


Write about something you  
have learned observing birds  
and their habitat!



# My Birding Journal



White-breasted Nuthatch

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## Be A Nature Detective

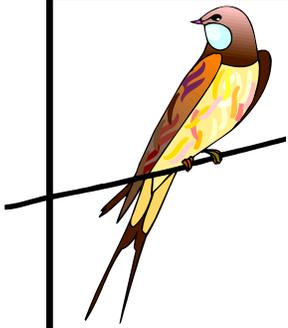


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## Caring for nature, and taking care in nature!

### What to take with you on your bird hike:

1. Map of the trail
2. Water & snack
3. Jacket
4. Sunscreen, hat, or rain gear as needed
5. Binoculars
6. Birding Field Guide
7. Your Bird Journal and pencil
8. Your patience, curiosity, and detective skills

## Become an Bird Naturalist

We challenge you to:

- care for natural areas & wildlife, and treat them with respect
- explore and learn more about the ecosystems and ecology in Benton County
- share with your family and friends the special places and the incredible things you have learned in nature

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I visited (place) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Try your hand at nature writing!

Become an bird and write a riddle/poem to tell us who you are.

Example: Red-tail Hawk

Bird

Large, Strong

Soaring, Diving, Twisting

Predator, Hunter

Red-tail



Now you try:

Pick an bird: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.) Write one word below that describes you
- 2.) Write two words below that describe what you look like
- 3.) Write three words below that describe how you move or where you live
- 4.) Write two words below about how you contribute to the ecosystem where you live:
- 5.) Write another word below that describes who you are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

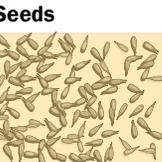
4. \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Try your riddle on a friend, can they guess who you are?

## Play Bird Habitat Bingo

Use your detective skills to look for the following bird and habitat items. Cross off the picture when you find the pictured item below. Look but don't touch - please leave for the birds needs.

 Berries	 Robin	 Flying Insect	 Water
 Acorn	 Woodpecker	 Nectar Flower	 Feather
 Ground Insect	 Wading Bird	 Bird Track	 Seeds
 Water bird	 Soaring Bird	 Nest	 Hummingbird

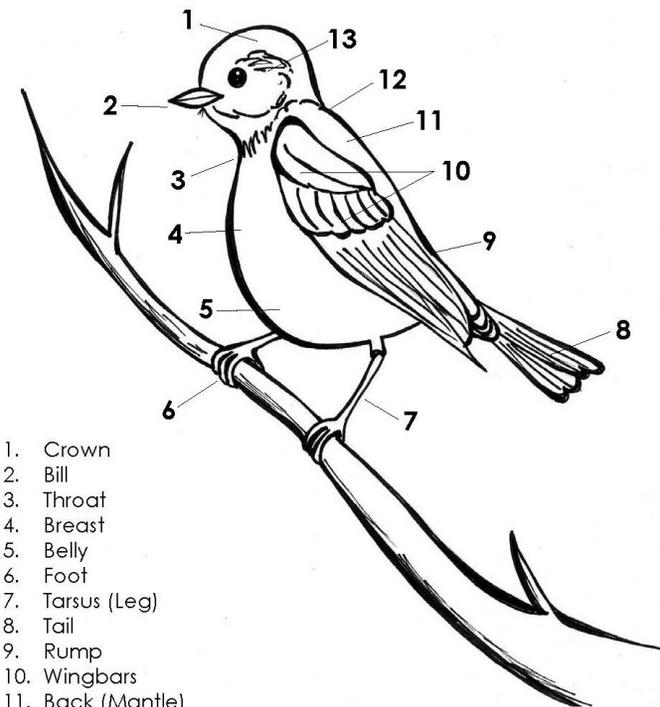
Cross off four in a row either across, up and down, or diagonally and you have a BINGO!

## Learn the parts of the bird to help you in identification

### The Parts of a Bird

by Linda Dow

This diagram shows some of the basic body parts used to identify birds. Describe a bird in terms of these attributes and you can almost always find him in your field guide.



1. Crown
2. Bill
3. Throat
4. Breast
5. Belly
6. Foot
7. Tarsus (Leg)
8. Tail
9. Rump
10. Wingbars
11. Back (Mantle)
12. Nape
13. Eyebrow

	<b>My Bird Journal Pages - use these pages to record your findings</b>
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