

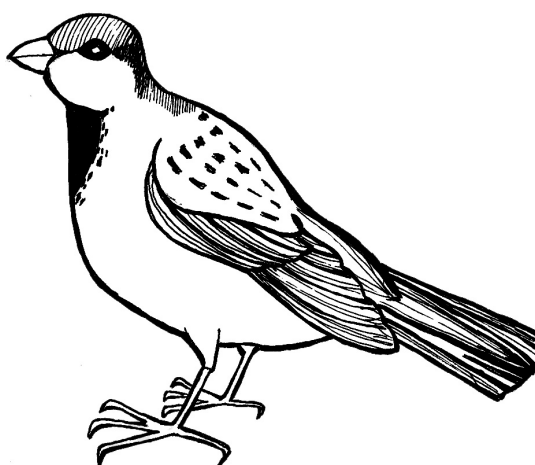
Activity Sheet 7



Natural Field Studies

Bird Observations – Label these parts of the bird

- Beak
- Tail feathers
- Breast
- Feet
- Rump
- Wings



Look and listen for bird life on the reserve and record your findings: make a note of the following:

Date/Time, Habitat, Size: small/med/large, Shape, Wing shape
Beak shape, Patterns, Colours, Birdsounds or calls, Behaviour.

Try to identify your bird – ask for help or use a field guide if you are not sure.

Mini - Beasts

Collect a bag full of leaf litter and spread it out. Use small paintbrushes to remove the smaller mini-beasts for observation. Spread an old sheet under a tree or bush. Tap the branches sharply and insects should fall onto the sheet.

Pitfall traps- these can be made out of a small pot and sunk into the ground. Place a piece of vegetation or fruit in the pot and a piece of flat wood over the top for access. Ensure you check within 24 hours and let the creatures go.

Also look for mini-beasts:

under logs and rocks - look for woodlice, centipedes, spiders, beetles and slugs.

on plants -look for butterflies, spiders, flies, moths, caterpillars, ladybirds.

in ponds/wet areas- look for snails, waterfleas, insects, dragonflies & damselflies, worms, beetles, water boatmen.



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