

A STEM in the Park

Take Home Activity

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in the **PARK**™

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

What in your neighborhood does a bird eat?

What You Need

- Pencil, pen or marker
- A copy of this activity card
- Camera, Binocular (optional)



What To Do

Take a walk in your neighborhood, work together to see how many different kinds of birds you can find. What are the birds doing? What do their beaks look like? Are any of the birds eating? What kinds of foods do you think each bird eats? If you know the name of any of the birds you see, record the different types of birds you see and what type of beak does that bird have in the chart below. You may find information about the birds you see in a field guide or other books available from your local library.

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Here is a guide of different beak's you may see in your neighborhood.



cracker



generalist



shredder



strainer



chisel



spear

Birds	Beaks	Food

Journal:

Sit with your child and sketch different birds that you've seen (on your walk or otherwise). Your child may draw pictures of two different birds in his or her Nature Notebook. How are the two birds similar? How are they different?

Learn:

Students should be able to compare and contrast a variety of bird beaks and describe how a beak is adapted to the type of food eaten by a bird species. Some birds eat different types of food so the birds you see may not find the food they need in your neighborhood. Why is it important to live near a place where they can find food to survive?

Investigate:

Visit one or more of the Metroparks to explore different types of birds. Make a list of the birds you observe in the park and compare your findings.

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