

Ideas for Bird Flash Cards

These are available in the bird crate at the VN Center at Walden Ponds. You can also use any photos of birds that you have for these activities.

- Pick just a few cards (up to 4-6) of birds you might see in an area (i.e. Walden Ponds—use Great Blue Heron, red-winged blackbird, Canada Geese, Mallard Duck, Cormorant, Killdeer).
- Have kids make observations about each one—what type of neck do they have? Beak? Legs? Feet? What color are they? Are they big or small?
- Match them with some of the bird silhouettes (*found at the VN Center*) so it's easier to recognize the shape of the bird.
- Use the trivia questions on the back of the cards, or share the cool facts.
- When birds are spotted, try to match them with the photos. Read more about that species from the back of the card.
- As interest develops, talk more about their habitat, food, and geographic locations (found on the back of the cards) or have kids read this information and share it with others in the group.