Design A Pennsylvania Winter Bird Guide

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Many birds live in Pennsylvania during the winter. Some birds live here year-round and others migrate here from other places. Your backyard may attract some of these birds that are looking for the things they need to survive—food, water, and shelter. You can make your backyard more attractive to birds by placing a birdfeeder and birdbath, planting native plants and creating brush piles. Birdfeeders are a great tool to use to observe birds.

A bird is an animal that has feathers that cover its body, has a backbone, is warm-blooded, lays eggs, has lungs to breathe air, and has wings and hollow bones.

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MATERIALS:

- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or Crayons
- Photos of Common Winter Birds of Pennsylvania (included)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print the following 3 pages.
2. Fold the (nearly) blank page in thirds (like a brochure). This is your winter bird guide.
3. Cut out the “Cover Photo” and glue it to the front of your bird guide.
4. Cut out bird photos and then glue them into your guide wherever you would like. Get creative!
5. Use markers or crayons to decorate your bird guide.
6. Use your bird guide to help you identify birds you see during the winter.

Optional: Laminate your guide to help make it last longer.

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Birdfeeders Are A Great Tool
To Use To Study Birds

A good way to study birds in the winter is to set up a birdfeeder. Place the feeder in an area that is easy to see, like in front of a window. Use this guide to help identify birds that visit your feeder.

Birds Need Water, Too!

Birds need water every day, even during the winter. A birdbath with fresh unfrozen water will be attractive to many winter visitors.
American Goldfinch

Black-Capped Chickadee

American Tree Sparrow

Blue Jay

Pileated Woodpecker

Northern Cardinal

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My Winter Bird Checklist

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Dark-Eyed Junco

White-Breasted Nuthatch

Downy Woodpecker

Red-Bellied Woodpecker

Tufted Titmouse

White-Throated Sparrow