

Get to know the birds that live in your neighborhood

Take a walk around your neighborhood or visit a local park and see how many of these bird behaviors and signs you can find!

A bird A bird with A bird with A bird with Bird tracks with **brown** gray feathers a long neck speckles feathers A bird A bird **eating** A bird with A bird **on** A bird bigger than webbed feet the ground or drinking singing your hand FREE Woodpecker A bird A bird with A group smaller than hammering red feathers of birds sounds your head A bird with A bird with A bird in Bird A bird **flying** droppings black feathers long legs a tree A bird A bird A bird with A bird in or A bird's **nest** with white carrying talons near water feathers something

Take the pledge to protect birds in your neighborhood



The 300 bird species that call Hennepin County home play a vital role in our ecosystems. Birds spread seeds, pollinate flowers and trees, and create places for other animals to nest.

Unfortunately, bird populations are threatened by habitat loss, cat predation, collisions with buildings and cars, pesticides, plastics, diseases, and climate change. The good news: there are many actions we can take to work against these threats and help our flying friends!

Our household pledges to take the following actions to help our flying friends:

| ☐ Plant native vegetation to provide shelter and habitat | ☐ Take a bird walk to discover the flying friends that live in our neighborhood |
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| ☐ Provide a variety of appropriate food sources | ☐ Teach a friend or family member about being bird friendly |
| ☐ Offer clean water sources year-round | |
| ☐ Install and maintain a bird house | ☐ Contact the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota (wrdmn.org) to report an injured bird |
| ☐ Limit the use of lawn chemicals and pesticides | |
| ☐ Keep household cats indoors | ☐ Record bird nest observations through the NestWatch app at nestwatch.org |
| ☐ Close window blinds and turn off outside lights during bird migration (late March to early June and mid-August to November) | |
| | ☐ Use iNaturalist (inaturalist.org) or eBird (ebird.org) to document the wildlife in your neighborhood. Share your lists at @hennepin_biomonitoring or #hennepin_biomonitoring |
| ☐ Place stickers or decals on windows to prevent birds from hitting them | |

