

Bird Up Brooklyn

Tweet, chirp, caw! Make your own binoculars and get outside to birdwatch.

Whether they are migrating to warmer places, building nests, or just living their lives, watching birds can teach us a lot! Enjoy some time outdoors and look out for different types of birds along the way!

Materials

String or tape
1 or 2 toilet paper tubes
Scissors
Paper or piece of fabric
Glue*
Stickers*
Hole punch*

Instructions

1. Place the toilet paper tubes side-by-side.
2. Tape the tubes together.
3. Cut a piece of paper or fabric and wrap it around the tubes. Secure it with tape or by tying a string.
4. Decorate your binoculars with stickers, magazine scraps, colored paper and glue, or anything else on hand.
5. Punch or pierce a hole on the outermost side of each tube and tie a piece of string to each side to make a neck strap.
6. Find a great spot outdoors, and be patient!
7. Watch the different birds in your neighborhood—observe how they move, fly, and communicate with each other. What sounds do they make?

Go Further

Make a DIY bird journal! Fold a few pieces of paper together and staple them, or re-use a notebook that you already have. As you birdwatch, take a few moments to draw or write your observations.

How can you share your bird observations with your community?

Share a photo of binoculars or bird neighbors with us! Tag us on Instagram @bcmkids #bcmandyou

