

Backyard Bird Scavenger Hunt



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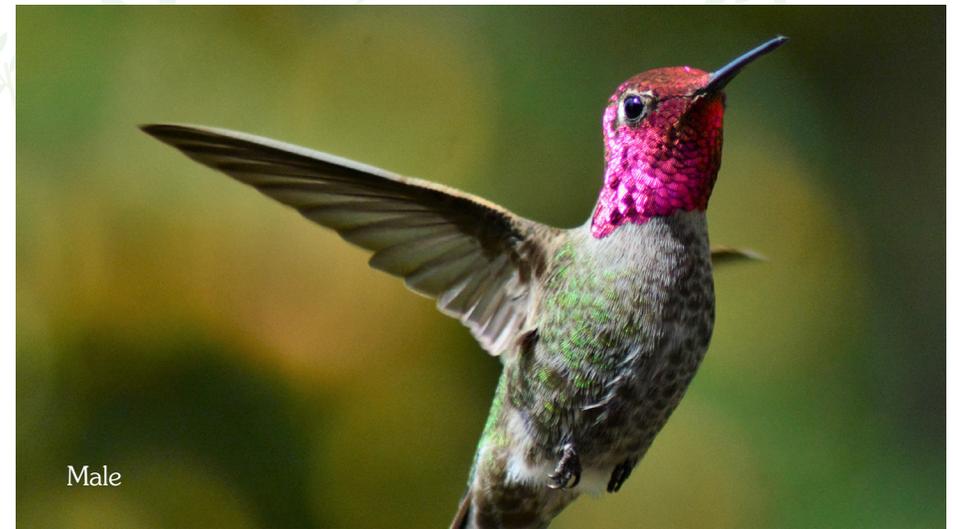
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Instructions

Take a walk in your back yard, neighborhood or local park and search for these 10 bird behaviors. In addition, here are some of the most common birds to find in Riverside County all year long! Practice Identifying them!

- A bird singing/chirping
- 2 or more birds together
- A bird flying
- A black bird
- A bird eating
- A bird's nest
- A bird preening (Cleaning its feathers)
- A bird bathing
- A bird on a wire
- A bird in a tree



Male



Female

Anna's Humming Bird

Found all year long. They are tiny birds with bright green backs the males have a bright red throat and head the females do not. They have a long beak like a needle used to probe flowers to drink nectar. They can hover and even fly back-wards! The loud humming their rapidly fluttering wings make, a humming sound.



American Crow

Found year round. They are large black birds with a straight tail. They are known for the “Caw caw” sounds they make. Crows are omnivorous, meaning they will eat meat and plants. They enjoy eating nuts and seeds, worms and insects or even other bird’s eggs. These birds are very intelligent! They are able to make and use tools. For example, a crow could use a stick and shape it so it is sharp to dig insects out of fence posts.



Northern Mockingbird

They are found year-round in the Inland Empire. A medium sized grey bird with white patches on their wings that show when they fly. These birds are known for mimicking other bird sounds or even other common outdoor sounds such as car alarms. In the spring time these birds eat insects and, in the winter, they tend to eat fruits.



Black Phoebe

They are found year-round in the Inland Empire. These birds are small with a black head and body and white underbelly and well as white underneath it's tail. They make a "Peep peep" sound. They are often seen perching low on fence post, mail box or low branch so that they may find insects to eat.



Mourning Dove

They are found year-round. Sleek grey and pale brown bird with a peachy colored chest, a small head, and a long tail. They have orange feet. They make a low pitched "coo coo" sound. They eat seeds from common seeds. Mourning Doves only have one mate for their whole life!

THANK YOU!



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