

**EASTSIDE AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
**WORKSHOPS SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee offers a variety of student workshops. All presentations are interactive, hands-on and can be adapted to the needs of students. A walk to look for and identify birds can be added to any of the presentations below and usually lasts at least 30 minutes. For more information or to schedule a workshop, contact the education chair at: [education@eastsideaudubon.org](mailto:education@eastsideaudubon.org).

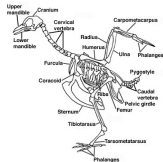


*Introduction to Birds:*

Age range: kindergarten through fifth grade

Length: 40-50 minutes

Description: The workshop teaches students what makes a bird a bird. Students will connect various birds with their need for a supportive environment and will learn to appreciate birds as a part of the wonder of the natural world. The workshop can be adapted to the audience.



*Introduction to Birds:*

Age range: Fifth through eighth grades

Length: 45-60 minutes

Description: The workshop explores what makes a bird a bird: vertebrae, egg laying, endothermy, feathers, flight, syrinx.



*Bird Identification:*

Age range: Intermediate to secondary

Length: 45-90 minutes

Description: The workshop teaches students how to identify birds. They will use this knowledge to find and identify birds.



*Using Binoculars:*

Age range: third through middle school

Length: 50 minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on how binoculars work. Students will learn how to follow moving objects with binoculars. They will learn how to communicate to others the position of birds through descriptive words. Students will practice their newly learned skills on a bird walk.



### *Using Field Guides:*

Age range: second through sixth grades

Length: 20 minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on teaching students how to use a field guide. The students will learn the parts of a field guide and how to locate specific birds and read a field guide.



### *Slide Presentation:*

Age range: kindergarten through twelfth grade

Length: depends on the audience

Description: The slide presentation can be adapted to the audience and can be focused on a number of habitats, such as backyard birds or water birds. It can be added to any of our workshops.



### *Introduction to Owls:*

Age range: middle to high school

Length: 45-60 minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on the general characteristics of owls. Students will learn to appreciate how form and function work together in the owl's ears, eyes, beaks, talons and feather. In addition, they will learn how an owl hunts, catches and eats prey.

Age range: third to sixth grades (may be adapted for primary grades)

Length: 45 minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on the general characteristics of owls and specifically on four owls: Great Horned, Northern Saw-whet, Barred, Barn.



### *Owl pellets:*

Age range: elementary to high school

Length: 20 minutes to 1 \_ hours

Description: This presentation introduces students to owl pellets and can vary in length. For the shorter presentation, the students gain an overview of owl pellets. The longer lesson plan includes taking apart owl pellets and examining the material (bones, fur, etc.) found inside.



### *Bats:*

Age range: third to sixth grades

Length: 45-60 minutes

Description: One workshop focuses on local bats, their habitat needs and benefits to the environment. The second workshop focuses on the major physiological characteristics of bats.



*Wetlands Workshop:*

Age range: third through high school

Length: 60-70 minutes

Description: The workshop uses slides taken at Juanita Bay Park to teach what wetlands are, why they're important and the typical plants and animals found in nearby freshwater wetlands.



*Nests*

Age range: kindergarten through third grade

Length: 20-30 minutes

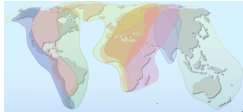
Description: The workshop focuses on the various nests that birds build. Students will make a small nest with an egg in it to take home.

Age range: intermediate to junior high school

Length: 30+ minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on the function, importance and variety of nests.

Major global bird migration routes to the Arctic



*Migration:*

Age range: Elementary

Length: 45-60 minutes

Description: This lesson plan focuses on the migration of birds between summer and winter habitats. Students will learn the benefits and challenges of migration and play a migration game.



*Bird Habitat:*

Age rang: Elementary

Length: 40 minutes

Description: One workshop focuses on habitat essentials; the other focuses on the habitat web.



*Bird Beaks and Food #1:*

Age range: kindergarten through third grade

Length: 30 minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on the types of food that birds eat with special emphasis on beaks. Students will make a simple feeder to take home.

*Bird Beaks and Food #2:*

Age range: fourth through eighth grades

Length: 60 minutes

Description: The workshop focuses on bird beaks and the food that birds eat. Students will make a wooden bird feeder to take home. Note: There is a charge for this workshop to cover the cost of the bird feeder.

*Native Plants to Attract Birds:*

Age range: fourth grade and up

Time: 45 minutes

Description: Students will learn what native plants are and which foods they provide. They will also learn which birds are attracted to which plants.

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Additional resources can be found at the following Web sites:

- [www.inhs.uiuc.edu/chf/pub/virtualbird/educational.html](http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/chf/pub/virtualbird/educational.html)
- [www.birds.cornell.edu/schoolyards](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/schoolyards)
- <http://www.enaturalist.org/index.htm>
- <http://eelink.net/classroomresources-directories.html>
- [www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide)