

# THE BETTER TREE FORT by JESSICA SCOTT KERRIN and QIN LENG



## Birdwatching

Russell and his dad spend time in their tree fort watching and learning about birds. They even think they heard an owl when they slept in the tree fort overnight!

Birds are everywhere, if only we take the time to look for them, listen to their songs and enjoy their beauty. Emily Dickinson famously wrote, "Hope is the thing with feathers."

Even if you can't get outside, you can still watch birds through a window.

Instructions:

1. Look for birds in your neighborhood. Complete the next page of this activity.
2. An adult can help you identify your chosen bird.
  - a. 10 common Canadian birds in the winter are: blue jay, cardinal, chickadee, crow, finch, nuthatch, pigeon, seagull, starling and woodpecker.
  - b. 10 common Canadian birds arriving in the spring are: blackbird, bluebird, gackle, goose, grosbeak, hummingbird, oriole, purple martin, sparrow and warbler.
3. Once completed, an adult can take a photo of your page and email it to Jessica Scott Kerrin ([jessicascottkerrin@gmail.com](mailto:jessicascottkerrin@gmail.com)). She will then post your artwork and write back on her Dear Reader column: <https://jessicascottkerrin.com/dear-reader/>

\_\_\_\_\_ 's Birdwatching Log

Drawing of a bird I saw:



My bird had these colours: \_\_\_\_\_

My bird was (circle one): singing, eating, flying, walking, bathing, building a nest.

Where I saw my bird (circle one): ground, tree, feeder, wire, sky, roof, window sill.

Name of my bird: \_\_\_\_\_

What I liked about this bird: \_\_\_\_\_

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