

Birds KS2 - How to guide

Collect equipment from the centre. Discuss about the adaptations of feathers for flight and how to correctly use the binoculars (separate resource sheet). Use the map to direct you to Double Decker Hide.

Equipment

All equipment is provided; please do not bring your own.

Each pair will need:

- 1x pair of binoculars
- 1x Identification guide
- 1x bird behaviour sheets
- 1x whiteboard pens

Instructions

1. Discuss the importance of feathers and bird's feathers are adapted for flight- pass feathers around to have a closer look (please ensure these are returned to the feather bag)
2. Practice using the binoculars at the decking before heading off to the hide- follow binocular instructions sheet to correctly focus binoculars (separate resource sheet)
Make sure you do not look directly at the sun when using binoculars.
3. Follow the map and walk to the Double Decker Hide. Ensure binoculars are carried around pupils' necks using the strap and not being looked through whilst walking.
4. Once at the hide, sit and observe the birds through the windows. Watch how they move, how they interact with each other and the different behaviours they are portraying.
Using the binoculars and ID guides, identify as many bird species as you can. You may want to make a record of these to take back to school.
5. Using the bird behaviour sheets, observe the birds and tick off any behaviours you see.
6. Walk back to the centre and return the equipment.

Important:

- Remember to keep the binocular strap around your neck when using or carrying the binoculars. This prevents them from being dropped and damaged.
- Do not hang out of the hide windows, sit on the benches provided.
- Do not look at the sun through the binoculars as you can damage your eyes.
- Do not look through the binoculars as you walk.
- Try to keep noise in the hide to a minimum, you may frighten the wildlife. Please be aware that members of the public may also be using the hide.

At the end of the activity

Ensure all pairs of binoculars go back in their bags and are carefully placed into the box provided.

Ensure the rest of the equipment is returned.

