Sci-Map Site
Sweetwater Wetlands Park

Name of Activity
Bird Watching/ Bird Identification

Before, While, or After?
While You're There

Materials
Print out the bird cards in the attache file to use while you are looking for the birds at Sweetwater Wetlands Park.

Procedure
Visit Sweetwater Wetlands Park and look for the birds pictured on the cards. Remember that you may be able to hear the birds before you see them. To listen to bird calls go to ebird.org. Also make sure that you choose the card for the season that we are in at the time. These birds are seasonal and would most likely be found only in the season which is specified on the cards.

The Science Behind It
Scientists observe, classify, and name things in order to give more information about the characteristics of the item or organism they are classifying. Scientists tend to group things with similar characteristics. Knowing how things are classified (or grouped) gives you more insight into the system the scientist is using. The ability to observe and distinguish birds in the plants and trees in which they live and the patience to wait until you see a bird are good skills to have a a scientist. Seeing birds in their natural habitat can help scientists to understand the behaviour of the birds and learn a little more abut the world in which we (and the birds) live.

Supporting File 1
- Bird-Cards-4-seasons-scimap.pdf

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