

# This Is For The Birds

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## Descriptions:

Participants will have to correctly identify birds common to the Eastern United States. Emphasis will be placed on the birds of New England but any bird that is normally found east of the Mississippi River could be used. Students will have to identify birds from photographs. Bird I.D.'s will be by **common name** (be as specific as possible ex. black-capped chickadee NOT simply chickadee) since scientific names are currently in a great state of flux. Students will also be asked trivia question about birds. **Field guides, notes, or books will be allowed**

## Scoring

There will be approximately 25 stations with two questions/I.D.'s at each station. Teams will be given ONE minutes per station and two points will be given for each correct response.

## Example of Trivia questions

What is the only type of bird that can actively fly backward? (A: hummingbirds)

What is the state bird of Maine? (A: black-capped chickadee)

The common grayish pigeon famous to parks & monuments is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ (A: rock dove)

How many species of nuthatches are common to New England? (A: 2)

## References

Any good Field Guide to Birds including:

Audubon Society's/Peterson's/National Geographic Society's/Sibley's/Stokes