

Birding 101: Field Notebook



Are you interested in pursuing a new hobby? Well, we have just the one for you - **birding!**

All you need to begin is a healthy dose of curiosity and a field notebook!

TERMS TO KNOW:

Ornithology: the scientific study of birds.

Specimen: an individual animal, plant, piece of a mineral, etc. used as an example of its species for scientific study or display.

CREATING A BIRDING FIELD NOTEBOOK:

In a notebook, create a layout that includes the following information for the birds you observe:

Date and time

Location

Bird's description (appearance)

Bird's behavior (eating, resting, interacting with another animal?)

Sketch or photograph of bird

Begin logging your observations!



MPM's Ornithology collection contains over 25,000 specimens! It contains study skins, nests, and eggs.

Field Notebook Challenge

This month, we are challenging you to create your own field notebook. Once you have created your design, head over to the nearest window or take a stroll outside with your adult. Do you hear or see any birds? Whatever you notice, jot it down! Be sure to include information on a bird that you observed. Show us your creation on social media, or email communications@mpm.edu and we will share what you have done!

Watch These Videos to Learn More!

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MPM Untold - The Red-Winged Blackbird 

