



Welcome to Bird Bonanza! In this class packet you'll learn about the bird species of Nantucket through nature discovery, games, and crafts! If you pick up this packet in-person at the LLNF at 110 Eel Point Rd, then all materials will be provided. **Everything in the bag is yours to keep, please do not return anything to the pick-up box.**

You can also download this packet from our website and follow along with the instructions, even if you are not on Nantucket, but you'll need to provide your own materials.

Activities included:

- Bird Bingo Scavenger Hunt
- Cheerios Bird Feeder Craft
- Build Your Own Osprey Nest
- Discover More Birding Resources



Bird Bingo Scavenger Hunt

Materials:

- Nantucket Bird Bingo Card
- Crayon or other writing implement

Instructions:

Play bingo with the birds you see! Take a walk on the LLNF trail (or other nature setting if you downloaded online) and try to find the common Nantucket birds shown on the bingo card. Each time you see a bird on the board, cross it off. Once you get four in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally), you win! Bingo!



Nantucket Bird Bingo!



Cheerios Bird Feeder Craft

Materials:

- Pipe cleaners
- Plain cheerios

Instructions:

String cheerios onto your pipe cleaner until you have a nice strand. Twist ends of pipe cleaner to make a circle (or other design if you prefer). See picture below for an example. Bring home and hang up on a tree branch. Watch the birds come and eat! **If you are providing your own materials, only use plain, unflavored cheerios.**



Build Your Own Osprey Nest

Instructions:

Learn how ospreys build their nests through a hands-on building challenge! If you are at LLNF, we have a demonstration platform behind our office that you can use (there is also a small stockpile of sticks in the area). If you are participating from elsewhere, you can make your own platform, put the nest in a dead tree, or on top of another object.

- Gather sticks found on the ground, please do not cut branches.
- On the platform, start building your nest out of the sticks. It helps to crisscross the sticks and create a circular shape.
- Once the nest has a nice structure to it, line the center with a bit of grass to cushion where the eggs would sit.
- If you have them available, you can place two wooden or plastic eggs in the nest, you can also place a stuffed animal bird in the nest and pretend that it is an osprey!



Want to learn more? Check out these resources...

eBird

A citizen science program that helps you find and report birds in your area!



The Cornell Lab
Merlin[®]



An app that helps you identify the birds you see!

