Bird Resources for Teachers

The following are free and reputable bird-related resources from the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for connecting students to nature. This list was compiled by the Education Committee for Seneca Rocks Audubon. For more information, email senecarocksaudubon@gmail.com.

Audubon Adventures

Audubon Adventures is an environmental education curriculum product created by the National Audubon Society for grades 3 - 5. It was developed by professional environmental educators and presents standards-based science content about birds, wildlife, and their habitats. It includes a 4-page "magazine" that can be used online or printed; online quizzes, games, and puzzles; "eye on the wild" videos and webcams.

Audubon for Kids

This page brings together activities from across Audubon's national network of environmental educators. It includes Audubon Adventures, plus DIY activities.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology K-12 Education program offers free lesson plans, interactive learning games, nature-based inquiry units, and citizen science guides designed to connect K-12 students to the natural world.

All About Birds

This is a fantastic online guide to birds and birdwatching. It includes:

- an easy-to-use bird guide with ID help, life history information, and sounds
- live bird cams giving intimate views of the lives of birds
- Merlin Bird ID with the magical ability to identify a bird by its sound
- Bird ID articles and videos

Feathered Friends

Download easy-to-use and fun activities for teaching science content year-round through common birds. There are also monthly lesson suggestions.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Take part in this free, annual event (February 12-15, 2027) that compiles bird counts from across the continent to create a winter snapshot of bird populations. Participants decide how long to watch during one or all of the four count days in mid-February. Enter data online, then view maps, graphs, and summaries—and find out what scientists are learning from the results.

eBird

Keep track of bird sightings year-round online and share the sightings with scientists, educators, and other bird watchers.

Guide to North American Birds

National Audubon's online field guide for birds. Learn about the lives of 800+ North American birds, their habitats, and the effects of climate change.

Free apps for the phone:

Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab – Identify birds through sight and sound

Audubon Bird Guide app