

Observe the Birds
A Bird Study Printable
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Getting Started

Julie Andrews would say, "the beginning is a very good place to start." With her wisdom in mind, let's do that.

The first thing you'll want to do is prepare your notebook for your study. If you're an avid notebooking homeschooler, you may already have a way that you set-up your notebook.

If you're an unschooler, you may prefer to leave tabs out all together.

I prefer to be organized, so I'm going to suggest some tabs for you.

Bird Research - What I've learned - Bird Observation - Principles

Bird Research

This portion of your notebook is devoted to compiling all of your pre-bird watching research.

Things like vocabulary, how the vocabulary words are used in Scripture (if applicable), lists of tools necessary for birding.

We used lists in this portion of our notebook, and that might be an easy way for you, too.

Think of this section as a recorder of things you find as you start your study.

What I've Learned

This section of your notebook is where you begin to process what you've learned from your lists in the first section, Bird Research.

Are you making connections in your mind as you compile your lists? This is a place to compile those "wow" moments.

This of this section of your notebook as the place where you are readying yourself for observation. It's the *thinking before doing* section.

Bird Observation

This section of your notebook is where you'll compile the actual notes and sketches you make from observing the birds.

You'll record things such as—

- Type of bird
- Location of observation
- Bird behavior

You can refer to our article, Why Watch the Birds?, for suggestions.

Principle Identified

This section of your notebook is where you'll record any universal principles you identify from observing the birds. These can be general principles, or Biblical principles.

Principles you might record include—

- God's Providence
- God's Provision

Drawing

Finally, this section of the notebook is for younger children - or older ones who love to draw - to draw whatever comes to their minds and hearts.







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