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# All About Birds

## The Study of Ornithology

Ornithology is the study of all things birds. Birds are fascinating creatures that can be found on every continent. They can range from the towering heights of the flightless ostrich to the tiny size of a hummingbird. Take a look below to learn more about these amazing creatures and for a fun birding activity!



### Amazing Adaptations

Birds are one of the most diverse group of vertebrate animals. They have learned to live all over the world from scorching deserts to frozen icebergs. Birds make their homes in hollow trees, underground burrows, and on tall, seaside cliffs.



### Migration

As summer turns to winter, many birds travel long distances in search of more abundant food resources. One of the most common migration routes is the Atlantic flyway which stretches from Greenland to the Caribbean. With Florida along this route, we have a great opportunity to see many birds from all across the continent.

### Birding

One fun way to see all the different migrating birds is to go birding. Birding, also know as bird watching, can be as simple as sitting outside watching a bird feeder or as complex as traveling to a different country in search of a rare species.



### Bird ID

With so many species of birds, it can be hard to tell the difference between similar looking species. Ornithologists will look at the size, beak shape, and coloring in order to correctly identify the bird.

## View upcoming events!

<https://rockledgegardens.com/little-bugs-club/>

Join us at Rockledge Gardens January 3rd-5th for winter camp to practice your bird id skills and learn about different bird songs!



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### Common Florida Birds

Florida is home to a diverse and colorful group of birds. Since Florida is along the Atlantic Flyway, it is also an important stopping point for migratory birds from all over North America. Here are a few of the common birds that you might see during the winter. Take some time outdoors and see how many you can find!

Yellow-rumped Warbler



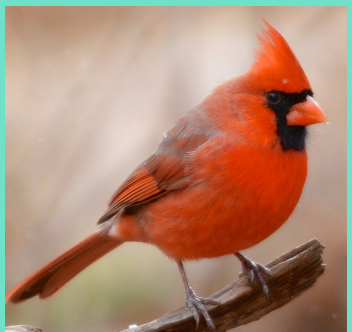
Red-bellied Woodpecker

Grey Catbird



Cattle Egret

Northern Cardinal



Little Blue Heron

Scrub Jay





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## Birding around Brevard County

- 1 - Brevard Zoo Linear Park
- 2 - Viera Wetlands
- 3 - Helen & Allan Cruickshank Sanctuary
- 4 - Blackpoint Wildlife Drive

\*The birds at the Cruickshank Sanctuary are very friendly. Some may even land on your head!\* :)

