

Welcome to your Art Bird Card Nature Cards- Set 1 (2020)

This package contains a set of thirty-six 4"x6" cards with original illustrations or paintings and descriptions of common birds of Southwestern BC. The birds were chosen from the most commonly seen birds during the Metchosin BioBlitz and at Rocky Point Bird Observatory.

The descriptions are written in simple, easy-to-read prose. Each card describes the bird's appearance, habitat and other interesting notes. The cards also introduce and define thirty-six basic bird terms, one term per card. Cards are printed on either waterproof, tear-resistant, card-stock, for outdoor and frequent use, or on thick card-stock, for more gentle users.

The card set was developed as a community-building project between local artists and naturalists and was a joint venture between three non-profits groups: Rocky Point Bird Observatory, the Metchosin ArtPod (Artist Collective), and the Metchosin Foundation (which did a similar project to create a local plant ID set using photographs— these still available through Metchosin Foundation). It is hoped these cards will be enjoyed by educators, families, birders and art enthusiasts across the region.

#	BIRD	ARTIST	Website/ IG/ FB	Scientific Word	Definition
1	•California Quail	Memet Burnett	memetopia@shaw.ca	precocious	born covered with down, eyes open, and able to run within hours of hatching
2	•Spotted Towhee	Chloe Parmentier	ck.parmentier@gmail.com	iris	coloured part of the eye
3	•Rufous Hummingbird	Joanna Vandervlugt	jvcartstudio.com	gorget	shiny, metallic-looking feathers on the throat
4	•Pacific Wren	Catherine Adela	www.throughtheireyes.ca	sexually monochromatic	males and females of the species look the same to humans
5	•American Goldfinch	Laura Smith	Instagram: la_smith_arts	mobbing	joining other birds to harass a predator, such as an owl
6	•American Robin	Nanci Cook	www.firesign.ca	crepuscular	most active during dawn and dusk
7	•Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Chantelle Trainor-Matties	frettchanstudios.ca	mixed flocks	groups of birds of several species
8	•Bufflehead	Claire Gaulin-Brown	clairegaulinbrown.com	iridescent	colour caused by light refraction
9	•Dark-eyed Junco	Katie Romain & Seán Palmer	www.kateromain.com	coniferous	cone-bearing
10	•Double-crested Cormorant	Dana Nygard	dananygard.carbonmade.com	gular skin	the patch of bare skin between the bill and the throat
11	•Merlin	Gina Chase	Insta: ginachase.artist	sexual dimorphism	differences between the sexes
12	•Northwestern Crow	Joan Rosenberg	joandan@telus.net	omnivorous	eating both plants and animals
13	•Northern Pintail	Wendy Mould	wendy@artbywendy.com	crustaceans	invertebrates that live in water and have a hard outer shell and many legs
14	•Belted Kingfisher	Val Lawton	IG: @ValLawtonIllustration	belly band	band of contrasting feathers across the abdomen
15	•Barred Owl	Meah Preboy	IG: @poppet_pup	nocturnal	pertaining to the night

16	•Steller's Jay	Ray Renooy- "Coz"	cosmicraysdesign@gmail.com	inconspicuous	difficult to see
17	•Bald Eagle	Diana Farrell	dimark@shaw.ca	congregate	gather together
18	•Glaucous-winged Gull	Kelly Wilson	goodgirl@shaw.ca	hybridize	crossbreed
19	•American Wigeon	Patricia Haley-Tsui	patricia.tsui.cc	incubation	care and warming of the eggs
20	•Common Raven	Rheanna Fraser	rheannafraser@gmail.com	carnivores	meat eaters
21	•Great Horned Owl	Megan Heenan	meganheenan.wordpress.com	deciduous	shedding leaves annually
22	•Black Oystercatcher	Yvonne Maxim-chuk	www.yvonnemaximchuk.com	monogamous	staying with the same mate
23	•Red-winged Blackbird	Jeni Luther	jeniluther70@gmail.com	epaulette	shoulder patch
24	•Common Loon	Darcy S. Clapp	darceyclapp@gmail.com	submerged	completely underwater
25	•Great Blue Heron	Linda Byrne	LB Country Art Gallery	foraging	searching for food
26	•Red-tailed Hawk	Kathryn Lancashire	Instagram: KLANCASHIRE	patagial	pertaining to the stretch of skin on the leading edge of the wing, between the head and wrist
27	•Northern Saw-whet Owl	Laura Levitsky	levitskyart.ca	whitewash	watery droppings
28	•Trumpeter Swan	Selina Jorgensen	www.selinajorgensen.com	cygnets	young swans
29	• Mute Swan	Linda Simrose	www.simroseart.weebly.com	feral	wild
30	•Varied Thrush	David F. Fraser	davidfraser@leaningoaks.ca	supercilium	line above the eye
31	•European Starling	Tamara Wolowicz	w.tamara@gmail.com	murmuration	large swooping flock
32	•Pileated Woodpecker	Deborah Strong	www.strongatart.ca	invertebrates	animals without backbones
33	•Turkey Vulture	Courtney Standing	c.standing@hotmail.com	dihedral	v-shaped
34	•Downy Woodpecker	Kathy Cameron	kathycameron.ca	undulating	rising and falling
35	•Anna's Hummingbird	Christina Lam	cdlam08@gmail.com	altricial	hatches naked and helpless
36	•Northern Flicker	Libby Amber	libbyamber.com	malar stripe	moustache

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Additional card sets are available through:

- Metchosin Foundation: www.metchosinfoundation.ca
- Metchosin ArtPod: www.metchosinartpod.ca
- Rocky Point Bird Observatory: www.rpbo.org