

Welcome to your Art Bird Card Nature Cards – Set 2 (2021)

This package contains a set of thirty-six 4"x6" cards with original artwork and descriptions of common birds of southwestern British Columbia. 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 features 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 waterproof, tear-resistant, cardstock for outdoor or frequent use.

The card sets were developed as a community-building project between local artists and naturalists and was a joint venture between three non-profit groups: Rocky Point Bird Observatory, the Metchosin ArtPod (Artist Collective), and the Metchosin Foundation (which has undertaken similar projects, including a local plant ID set using photographs). It is hoped that these cards will be enjoyed by educators, families, birders, and art enthusiasts across the region.

The cards can also be used for a number of sorting games for children: sort in numerical order, alphabetical order (common or scientific name), by category (native, introduced, invasive), by family (woodpeckers, owls, etc.), number of birds in the picture, art medium (drawing, painting, etc.), colour (background or birds) and probably some we didn't think of. If you have both sets, they can be differentiated by the colour bar on the back of the card (green on Set 1, blue on Set 2).

#	Bird	Artist	Website/IG/FB	Word/Term	Definition
1	Cedar Waxwing	Les Pinay	lpinay1@shaw.ca	gleaned	picked
2	Pine Siskin	Megan Heenan	meganheenan.wordpress.com	irruption	a sudden increase in the numbers of a natural population
3	Cooper's Hawk	Elaine Morton	elainemortonart.ca	solitary	living alone
4	Brewer's Blackbird	Selina Jorgensen	selinajorgensen.com	scrub	vegetation consisting chiefly of shrubs
5	Western Tanager	Debbie Bowles	winkingowl.com	wing bar	a line of contrasting color across the wing
6	Purple Finch	Lily Jackson	lilyjackson.ca/art	mixed forests	containing both coniferous and deciduous trees
7	Barn Owl	Laura Levitsky	levitskyart.ca	asynchronous	happening at different times
8	Yellow Warbler	Deborah Czernecky	spinningdogstudio.ca	cryptic	servicing to conceal
9	Western Bluebird	Joanna Vander Vlugt	Jcvtartstudio.net	extirpated	locally extinct
10	Song Sparrow	Tracey Watchurst	watchurst@yahoo.com	resident	non-migratory
11	Townsend's Warbler	Patricia Haley-Tsui	Patricia.Tsui.cc	canopy	uppermost spreading branches of a forest
12	Rhinoceros Auklet	Susan Kruzal	susankruzalartist.com	propulsion	pushing or driving forward
13	Sandhill Crane	Joan Rosenberg		colt	juvenile crane
14	Red-breasted Sapsucker	Dana Nygard	dananygard.carbonmade.com	tertials	innermost wing flight feathers
15	Red Crossbill	Dale Lewis	bagini@shaw.ca	mandible	bill
16	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Diana Farrell	IG:di.far1964	pitch	resin obtained from various conifers
17	Purple Martin	Heather Simonds	heathersimonds.com	forked	longer at outside edges than in the middle
18	Northern Pygmy Owl	Jannaca Chick	FB:jannaca.chick	charismatic	charming

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19	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Deborah Strong	strongart.ca	hawking	flying out from branches to catch insects in the air
20	Osprey	Catherine Adela	throughtheireyes.com	talon	claw
21	MacGillivray's Warbler	Christina Lam		lores	the feathers between the eye and bill
22	Orange-crowned Warbler	Nancy Slaght	nancyslaght.com	eye-ring	a ring of tiny feathers or bare skin that surrounds the eye
23	Killdeer	Steven Kelly		feign	represent deceptively
24	Mallard	Marilyn Roebuck	roebuckart.com	drake	male (esp. waterfowl)
25	Hairy Woodpecker	Chloe Stanage	IG:chlo_parmen	excavate	dig
26	House Sparrow	Holly Jeffery	HollyJeffery.com	clutch	group of eggs or chicks
27	Harlequin Duck	Darcey Clapp		inaccessible	difficult to reach
28	Golden-crowned Sparrow	Jeanette McMillan	jeanettemcmillan2014@gmail.com	crown	top of the head
29	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Jeni Luther	IG:@jeniloothair	arthropods	invertebrates including insects and spiders
30	Eurasian Collared Dove	Carolyn Howse	hawkandrose.ca	old world	Africa, Asia and Europe
31	Common Yellowthroat	Tamara Wolowicz	IG:@PlumesAndBlooms	brood parasitism	the laying of eggs in another species' nests
32	Canada Goose	Memet Burnett	FB or IG: MemetBurnettArtworks	natal plumage	first set of feathers of birds in the nest
33	Bushtit	Ann Nightingale		alarm call	a vocalization to warn of a nearby danger
34	Bonaparte's Gull	Kari Jacobsen	karisgallery.com	boreal	of the cold temperate region dominated by taiga and birches, poplars, and conifers
35	Bewick's Wren	Seán Krow & Kate Romain	hummingcrow.co	decurved	curved downward
36	American Kestrel	Gina Chase	IG: ginachase.artist	secondary cavity nesters	nesters in existing cavities

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Additional card sets are available through:
 Metchosin ArtPod: metchosinartpod.ca
 Rocky Point Bird Observatory: rpbo.org

