Birds are fascinating animals to watch and it’s easy to learn how to spot and name them. Casual watchers can use the same tricks to identify birds that scientists use!

You’ll need:
- pencil
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- optional: field guides, binoculars

Here’s how:
1. Choose a bird found in your area to study.
2. Use photos, videos, websites and your own observations to learn how to identify your bird. Remember to watch birds without disturbing them.
3. Draw your bird and label the field marks.

Field Mark Checklist
- Overall size and shape
- Breast color
- Rump color
- Tail color
- Wing color
- Eye stripe color
- Eye ring color
- Head color
- Behaviors (tail movements, where it eats, flight pattern, sounds it makes)

Watch SciGirls learn how to identify birds on pbskids.org/scigirls. Select the Feathered Friends episode.
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Draw the birds you see on your adventures. Can you identify some of them?

Go to the SciGirls website at pbskids.org/scigirls to play games and watch episodes.