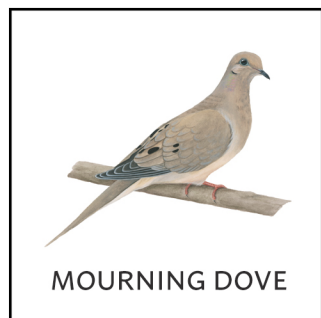
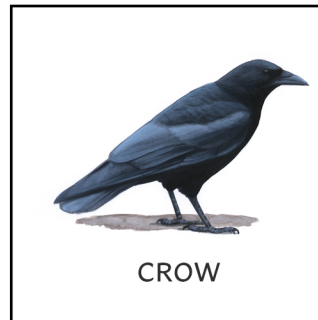


BIRD BINGO in the city



Spring is a very, very busy time for birds!

They are making nests, collecting food, laying eggs and teaching new baby chicks how to fly! While some birds have been in the Northeast all winter, others are making long trips back from their warmer winter homes. As the temperatures warm up, you may begin to see new birds that have traveled a long way to return back here. As you spot birds, color in their pictures below. If you have one, use a bird guide, or look up pictures on the internet to learn more about the colors and sizes of birds. For lots of birds, the male and female of the same bird might look completely different! Often their babies and teenagers also have different colors before they become grownups. What birds can you see out your window? A nearby park? Have fun bird watching!



LEARN about the amazing lives of birds:



Mourning Doves like to hang out on telephone wires and you can also find them looking for seeds on the ground. Once you learn the sound they make, it's hard to forget! Their song is a little bit sad sounding but also very pretty.



What does Shakespeare have to do with starlings? Once upon a time you wouldn't find these birds in the U.S. Starlings were actually brought from England by a fan of Shakespeare. The fan thought it would be nice to have all the birds from Shakespeare's plays in the U.S.!



Crows are very, very smart birds. They can make and use tools to find food. They are also able to remember human faces, especially people who are not kind to them!



Is that pigeon wearing a backpack? Well, kind of: it's a carrier pigeon with a message on its back! Did you know that pigeons have been used for thousands of years to deliver messages? Imagine sending a message to your friend this way!