

Bird Observation Directions

Observed Species: (Circle Five) American Coot
 American White Pelican American Wigeon Brandt's
 Cormorant Brewer's Blackbird Great Blue Heron
 Great Egret Mallard Red-winged Blackbird Rock
 Pigeon, American Crow (Check *Bird Links* to help you identify the birds.)



Due: On or before Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Caution!

While you may observe crows almost anywhere, you'll need to take a trip to Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Refuge or Lake Balboa Park WITH YOUR PARENTS to observe the other birds. A parent needs to be with you when you are in one of the parks. Please do not approach any of the geese—they are often very aggressive. Although they don't have teeth, their bills are hard, sharp and can inflict painful damage--they're even used as "watch dogs" in some areas.

Materials Needed:

- Clipboard (to securely hold your papers)
- Pair of binoculars
- Pencils, erasers
- 5 copies of the Bird Observation Form
- Extras: camera, other art supplies

Your Task:

- Using a pair of binoculars, carefully observe one of the five bird species you chose for at least five minutes. You will need to do this for EACH of your chosen species.
- Record your observations on the Bird Observation Form. You will need to use a separate form for each specie.
- Sketch the bird in the space provided on the Bird Observation Form.
- AFTER completing the five observations, complete the Bird Observation Reflection.
- Careful, neat work is required. Remember, any written work turned in becomes a part of your writing grade, so grammar, spelling, and punctuation do count.

Turn in:

- On or before November 25, 2008
- Staple papers together in this order: Cover Sheet (with self-assessment), all five observation forms, and reflection. Any additional information, sketches, or comments are welcome—add to the back of your packet.

Bird Links

Great Blue Heron

http://www.islandnet.com/beaconhillpark/articles/112_herons.htm

http://www.tx.audubon.org/images/Great_Blue_Heron3.jpg

http://thebirdguide.com/digiscoping/photos/great_blue_heron.htm

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/gifs/Greatblueheron_bw.GIF

American White Pelican

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_White_Pelican

American Coot

http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Fulica_americana.html

<http://www.savesfbay.org/site/pp.asp?c=dgKLLSOwEnH&b=2073111>

http://birdfotos.com/birdfoto/coot/coot_1.htm

American Wigeon

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/American_wigeon.html#sound

<http://web1.audubon.org/waterbirds/species.php?speciesCode=bracor>

Brandt's Cormorant

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i1220id.html>

Brewer's Blackbird

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i5100id.html>

Great Egret

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i1960id.html>

Mallard

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i1320id.html>

Red-winged Blackbird

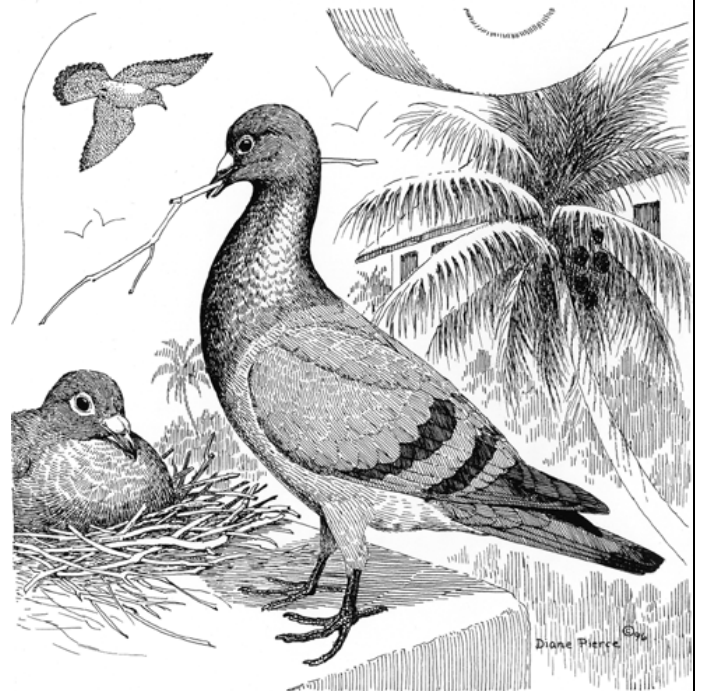
<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i4980id.html>

Rock Dove/Pigeon

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i3131id.html>

American Crow

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/i4880id.html>



Bird Observation Details and Reflection...



Observed Species: (Circle the five that you chose.)

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Pelican
American
Wigeon

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Rock Pigeon
American Crow

Which bird species did you enjoy observing the most? Explain.

If you noticed any of your observed species interacting with birds of different species, describe what you saw.

If you were to turn into one of the bird species that you observed, which one would you rather be? Explain your answer.



Bird Observation Project

Name of Naturalist _____

Date _____

I think my observation is (circle one)

Excellent Good Okay