



ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY JUNIOR BIRD FEEDER CHALLENGE

TIPS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTERS

Make sure you have copies of the student sheets ready for the students to fill out.

1. Start by asking students to name a bird – (ask many students)
2. How do you identify a bird??
 - Size - Start with robin – name bird same size/ larger/smaller than robin
 - Song – if you can get bird song player (cell phone with bird app), play some songs (chickadee, crow, goose, red-winged blackbird)
 - Field marks – use pictures to help show markings of birds:
 - Color (can use any birds)
 - * chickadee
 - * red-winged blackbird
 - * cardinal
 - * blue jay
3. Pass out sheet for students to fill out ID markings (they can use these during the test)
4. Show PowerPoint of 10 common feeder birds
 - For each bird point out the mark that you would use.
 - After showing the 10 birds, use the quiz on the PowerPoint and have students fill out quiz portion of the sheet.
 - Review the student answers.
5. Review how to count birds: only record the MOST NUMBER YOU SEE AT ONE TIME. See 5 cardinals (record 5) they fly away, and you see 2 more (still have 5)

This presentation is very basic, and teachers can modify any or all parts. It is important for the students to feel good about their identification skills – point out that they will see some of these birds at the feeder that you are leaving them.

Materials needed for Junior Bird Feeder Challenge:

1. Thumb drive with PowerPoint
 - List with common birds and quiz
 - PowerPoint with birds and quiz
 - Master copy of bird list
2. Bird pictures to show field marks, colors
3. Computer and projector
4. Bird songs: from bird song player or app on cell phone?????
5. Enough copies of ID sheets (INCLUDE TEACHER IN COUNT)
6. Large bird chart
7. Bird feeder and bird food (if you can provide for school)

Sponsor Duties

1. Make contact with school to set up date of presentation
2. Give presentation
3. Provide school with bird feeder (homemade????) and bird food
4. At end of Challenge, go back into the school and talk to the kids about the program.
5. Present class with IAS certificate