

HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS BIRD BOX RESOURCE PACK

Session Plans

1. What are birds?

Time estimate: 25 mins	
Topics	Discussion points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features of birds • Birds flying and feathers • Child and adult birds • Flightless birds • Male and female birds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some differences between birds and lizards? • What are some differences between birds and fish? • What are some differences between birds and humans? • Is every animal that can fly a bird? • Can every bird fly?
Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word search 	

2. Types of birds

Time estimate: 30 mins	
Topics	Discussion points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small birds • Big birds • Huge birds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What birds have you seen in your garden or local park? • What do you think these birds above like about your garden or local park?
Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix and match • Bird watching 	

3. Bird habitats and nests

Time estimate: 30 mins	
Topics	Discussion points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden and park birds • Woodland birds • Farmland birds • Upland birds • Wetland birds • Feeding birds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which birds do you imagine would live where in this photo? (attached) • How many types of duck, geese or swan can you name?
Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat match 	

4. Migration

Time estimate: 35 mins	
Topics	Discussion points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident birds • Summer-visitor birds • Winter-visitor birds • Passing birds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some risks with migrating? • Why do birds often have a similar colour to their surroundings? • Why are some birds brightly-coloured and some are grey and brown? • Why do birds not have babies in winter? • Why do winter-visitors not visit in the summer? • Why is Scotland a safe country for passing birds?
Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist sign • Line maze 	

5. Bird diets and insects

Time estimate: 60 mins	
Topics	Discussion points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insects and larvae • Seeds and nuts • Fruit and berries • Crops and grains# • Vegetables • Mammals and other birds • Fish and shellfish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sort of insects do you think baby birds eat? • Do you know how baby birds are able to eat food? • How many fruits and berries can you name? Do they grow in Scotland? • Should we let crows onto farms, or will they eat all the seeds? • What would happen if there were not many insects in Scotland? • Why do some birds eat many food types?
Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour by numbers • Food chain • Guess the bird 	

6. Care for birds and the environment

Time estimate: 35 mins	
Topics	Discussion points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birdhouses • Importance of birds for environment • Cleaning birdboxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are dogs not as harmful to birds as cats are?

- Legal responsibilities
- Winter visitors to birdboxes and hibernation
- Climate change
- Pollination
- Intensive farming
- Biodiversity
- Habitat loss
- Pollution and littering
- Domestic dangers to birds

Activities

- Window stickers