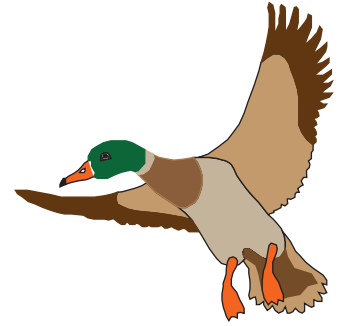




# THE COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

## BIRDING IN YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT!



Birding is a great, lifelong activity that you can do with friends and family. The wetlands of Louisiana are teeming with birds from long-legged herons to loud singing Red-Winged Black Birds, to bright pink Roseate Spoonbills. Use the worksheet below to practice your birding skills in your own local environments!

**DRAW THE BIRD YOU SEE BELOW!  
READ EACH CHARACTERISTIC AND DESCRIBE WHAT YOU SEE!**



### PLUMAGE

What colors are on the back, belly, head, wings and tail of the bird? What markings do you see? Any bars on the wings? Spots or streaks on the body? Rings around the eyes?

### BEAK

What does the birds beak look like? Is it short and thick? Long and thin? Hooked and sharp?



## SIZE

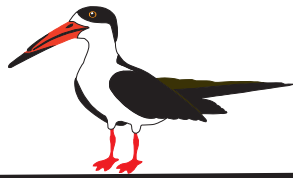
How big or small is the bird you are seeing?

## SHAPE

What does the bird look like? Is it long, tall, thin, or fat? Does it have large or small wings? Tall or short legs? Big or small head?

## HABITAT

What kind of plants is the bird hanging out in? Is it in a tall tree? Hopping around the grass? Near a body of water such as a river, lake, or ocean?



## BEHAVIOR

What is the bird doing? Is it looking for food? Interacting with other birds or animals? Is it looking for materials to build a nest? Is it swimming, walking, or flying around?

## FOOD

Is the bird looking for food? Is it eating seeds or berries? Insects or small reptiles? Is it eating a small mammal or fish?

## NUMBER

Is the bird hanging out alone? Is it with its mate? Or is it in a big group?

