

Other Books About Birds

Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City (2008)

by Janet Schulman, illustrated by Meilo So

Flute's Journey: The Life of a Wood Thrush (1997)

written and illustrated by Lynne Cherry

How Do Birds Find Their Way? (1996)

by Roma Gans, illustrated by Paul Mirocha

Eyewitness Books: Bird (1998)

by David Burnie



The **Cornell Lab**
of Ornithology

Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a nonprofit membership institution whose mission is to interpret and conserve the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds. We believe that bird enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels can and do make a difference. We invite you to learn more about our areas of study at www.birds.cornell.edu

OPEN/ FREE ADMISSION

Monday—Thursday: 8am - 5pm

Friday: 8am - 4pm, Saturday: 9:30am - 4pm, Sunday: 11am - 4pm



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Sixth Grade

Discovery Trail Site:

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ABOUT the PROGRAM

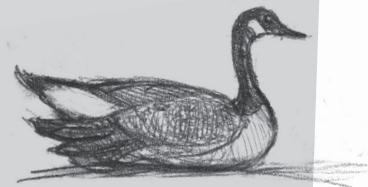
Trumansburg Kids Explore & Discover (TKED) is a program of the TCSD Foundation with support from the Discovery Trail and the Trumansburg Central School District to provide curriculum-based field trips to the eight sites of the Discovery Trail for Trumansburg Central School District students grades Pre-K through 6.

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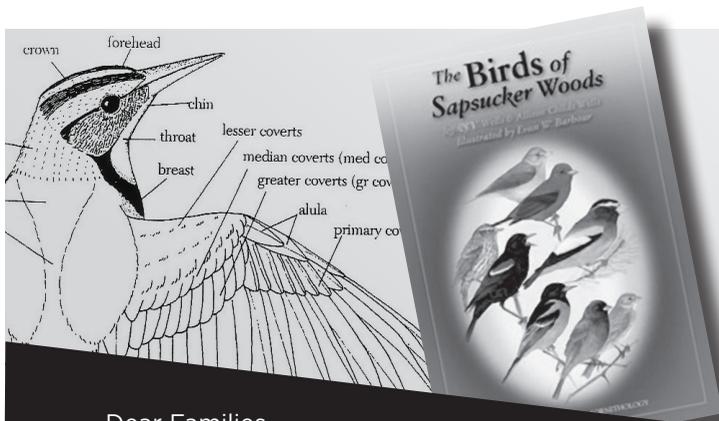
Learn more about **Trumansburg Kids Explore & Discover** at www.tcsdfoundation.org and www.discoverytrail.com



EXPLORING HABITATS

Students explore the varied habitat at Sapsucker Woods and discover how birds rely on their habitat for the things they need to survive.

book details inside >



BIRDS OF SAPSUCKER WOODS

by Jeffrey Wells and Allison Wells

is a special keepsake book to celebrate your child's 6th grade trip to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as part of **Trumansburg Kids Explore & Discover** program.

Special thanks to the Trumansburg Middle School PTO for funding this book.

Dear Families,

What better way to celebrate spring than by going outside and getting to know the birds found in your area as they prepare to start their families!

The Birds of Sapsucker Woods covers most of the birds you'll find right in your yard. So grab your copy and head outside!

GET TO KNOW YOUR FIELD GUIDE

To start with, take a close look at the field guide and notice how it is organized. In most bird field guides, the birds are arranged by taxonomic order—that is, species that are closely related are found together.

After you have been using your guide for a while, you will be able to find a bird by knowing which group it belongs to (hawk, woodpecker, duck, songbird, etc.) and looking at that section of the field guide.

Here are a few ways you can use your new field guide:

Sketch a Bird

A good way to get started is to choose a bird that interests you in the field guide and draw your own sketch of that bird. Include the field marks you should look for when you go outside.

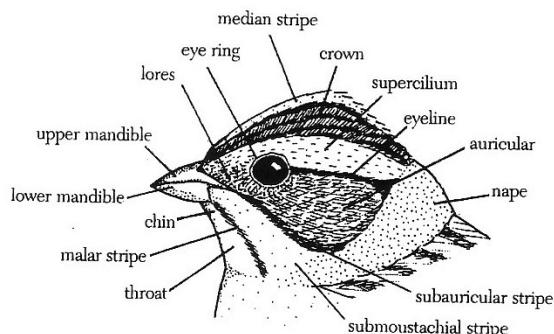
Visit Our All About Birds Website

Go to www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds to learn more about your bird and listen to what it sounds like. This is a great way to get to know each bird.

Bird Quiz

Another activity with your field guide is to use the book to quiz each other. One person picks a bird in the field guide, and describes it to the rest of the family, one clue at a time.

See how soon they can guess the bird you chose—and which clues give the bird away most quickly!



Keep Your Field Guide Handy

Most of all, just bring your new field guide with you wherever you roam this spring. Everywhere you go, there are sure to be birds.

Now you have a wonderful resource for “decoding” the mystery behind all those flitting, flying, and hopping flashes of color you meet in the many beautiful parks and paths in the Ithaca area.

Let Us Know What Birds You Find

You can even identify and count the birds you see, and become a citizen scientist by sending your data to us so we can better understand bird populations. Visit www.ebird.org to find out how!

Tell Us Your Ideas

We hope you enjoy your new *The Birds of Sapsucker Woods* as much as we do. Feel free to write and tell us how YOU use your field guide! Email us at: cornellbirds@cornell.edu