



Scout Badge Program Workshop

BOY SCOUT: Bird Study

Note: *Lion Country Safari's badge workshop will help your Scout group prepare for earning a badge. The following list will help you to understand what Lion Country Safari covers, and what the Scout and/or group will need to do to complete the badge requirements. All badge workshops must be arranged in advance.*

At Lion Country Safari (during your badge workshop)	Scouts need to do on their own (or as a Troop activity)
1. Explain the need for bird study and why birds are useful indicators of the quality of the environment.	
2. Sketch a perched bird. Label 15 parts of the bird. Sketch an extended wing and label 6 types of wing feathers.	
3. Demonstrate the proper use and care of binoculars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what the specification numbers on binoculars mean • Show how to adjust and focus the eyepiece for proper viewing • Show how to properly care for and clean the lenses. 	
	4. Demonstrate to a counselor that you know how to: Use a bird field guide, understand a range map by locating in the book and pointing out wintering range, breeding range, and/or year-round range of one species of each of the following types of birds: seabird, plover, falcon/hawk, warbler/vireo, heron/egret, sparrow, and non-native bird.
5. Observe and be able to identify at least 20 species of wild birds. Prepare a field notebook. Record the following info: Date, time, location, habitat, and diet. Describe the migration pattern for each bird.	
6. Explain the function of a bird's song. Be able to identify 5 of the 20 species in your field notebook by song or call alone.	
7. Go on a field trip with a local club or with others who are knowledgeable about area birds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill out the Field Guide for all birds observed. 	7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell your counselor which birds were seen and why some were more common than others. • Tell your counselor what makes the area you visited good for finding birds.
8. Build a bird feeder.	8. Put it in an appropriate place in your yard.