How to Identify a Bird

**FIRST LOOK FOR:**
What **SIZE** is it?  Smaller / Sparrow-sized / Robin-sized / Crow-sized / Larger
WHAT is the main **COLOR** you see? ________________________________
WHERE did you see it and what was it **DOING**?

| Meadow | Woodland | Near house | In or near Water | Soaring in the Air |

If you have time, **NEXT LOOK FOR:**

**BODY & HEAD SHAPE**
- Chunky or Slender
- Head crest?

**TAIL SHAPE**
- Longer or Shorter
- Pointed or Square
- Rounded or Notched

**BEAK SHAPE**
- Shorter or Longer
- Thicker or Thinner

Other **COLORS**
- Wings ______
- Breast ______
- Head ______
- Back ______
- Throat ______
- Other ____________________________

Other **MARKINGS**
- eye stripe?
- eye ring?
- head stripe?
- wing bars?
- Other ____________________________

**Now**, with your clues, **look at your field guide.**