

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?

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