Conservancy Educational Art
Build a Bird Craft

Materials:
- Cardstock sheet
- Leaves, sticks, grass
- Scissors
- Glue

Birds come in all shapes and sizes. Some are loud, and some are more mysterious. Some are hunters and some are foragers. This week we will learn what makes a bird, a bird, and we will explore different types of birds that exist.

Today you will create a bird of your own!

Activity Instructions:

1. Before you start creating your bird, you will need to gather some materials! So grab some water, put on sunscreen, and head outside to begin foraging!

   **If it is raining**, wait to go outside until the rain stops. While you wait, sketch an idea for your bird on a piece of paper,
including the plant materials you want to use from outside. Once the rain stops, head outside, collect your materials, and start bringing your sketch to life!

**If it is not raining**, go outside and gather leaves, sticks, grass, and anything you want to add to your bird!

Reminder: Do not use or touch poison leaves!
(Left to Right: Poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, and poisonwood)

Do not pick up or use bird feathers you find outside. It is illegal to keep feathers, so if you find one, draw what it looks like and share it with us instead!

All birds have feathers. Feathers can be many different colors and sizes.
Birds don’t have teeth. Instead they have beaks that they use for eating and cleaning their feathers.

2. Look at the materials you gathered from outside. Which ones could you use to create your bird’s feathers? Set these aside.

3. Which piece could you use to create your bird’s beak? Set this piece aside.

All birds have wings, but not all birds can fly. The feathers on their wings tend to be longer than others found on their body.
Birds have tail feathers too. The tail is used for steering when flying, helping with take-offs and landings, and sometimes for attracting mates.

4. Which pieces could you use from your collected materials to make your bird’s wings? Set these aside.

Birds have two legs and two feet. These feet are used to walk around and/or swim, hold onto or catch food, and also to stand or perch.

5. Which items could you use to create your bird’s tail? Set these aside.
6. Which of your items look like legs and feet? Set them aside.

**Birds have two eyes. Most birds have very good eyesight!**

7. You can create eyes and different body parts by cutting out circles from paper or using googly eyes and the materials you find outside.

8. Create your bird using the pieces you set aside. Use a glue to attach your pieces into the shape of a bird.
onto your cardstock. You can look at the examples below, but remember you can make your bird look any way you want.

**Birds are all unique!**

You’ll need to let your bird dry for at least an hour, so that it does not “fly” off of the page!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- There are around 10,000 different species of birds in the world.
- Scientists believe birds evolved from dinosaurs!

**DON'T FORGET!**

Make sure to clean up your craft area, and don’t leave anything outside that could blow away or get damaged by the rain!
ONCE YOU FINISH

Take a photo of your craft and share it with your classmates, family, teacher, and us on Twitter! @ConservancySWFL