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How to Draw a Bird

Drawing what we see helps us to remember and retain information. This simple tutorial will engage learners in the practice of field observations.

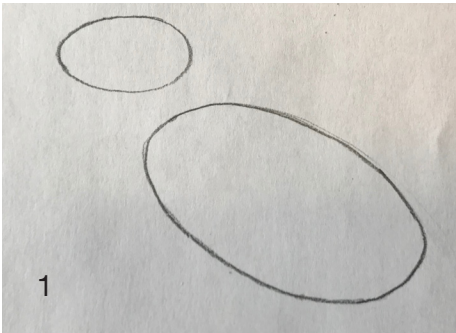
 Pen or pencil, something to write on (either paper or a nature journal), keen eyes, a little patience!

 Grades: K-7  5-10 minutes

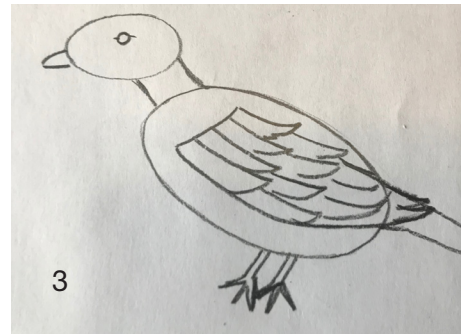
Introduction

A great way to keep track of the birds you see is to sketch them in your nature journal. An accurate sketch can also help you to identify the bird (even if it flies away). If you spot a bird, pay attention to its size, shape and what it was doing—these are helpful clues to figure out the identity of your new friend. While birdwatching in your backyard, try to get a good enough look to make a sketch in your nature journal. You might have to be patient, some birds are very shy!

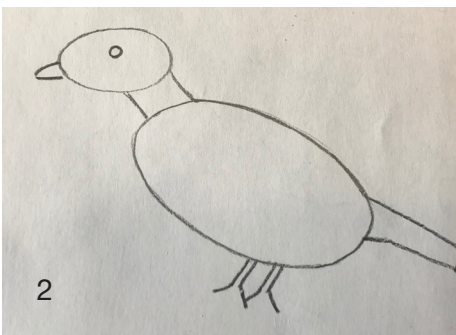
Directions



To draw a bird, start with two circles (one for the head and one for the body). Leave a space for the neck.



Add the wings, toes and other details you notice



Next, add the eye, neck, legs and tail.



Lastly, colour it in! Can you guess what type of bird this is?