

WELCOME TO THE 2025 FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS BIRDING CHALLENGE

– *For the Classroom* –



Join MetroParks Birding Challenge with your class!

Teachers are encouraged to use MetroParks Birding Challenge to support their curriculum. In this version of the Challenge, tasks are designed with the classroom in mind. Complete one activity in each category to enter your class into a raffle. The winning class will receive a prize package to help them learn even more about birds!

- Public and private schools, including licensed early childhood centers, are eligible.
- Students of all ages and grades (PreK-12th Grade) can participate.
- In addition to a raffle entry, all participating classes will receive MetroParks Birding Challenge stickers for students.

- Many of the tasks coordinate with our new [Birding Challenge Guide](#). Get started by reading through this helpful booklet of how-tos, activities and resources.
- There will be two deadlines for entry:
 - Spring’s deadline is Apr. 27.
 - Fall’s deadline is Nov. 9.
- Classes can participate in both sessions of the Birding Challenge – For the Classroom.
- Submit your entry using the form on page 2.

Create Your Own Prize Package

The winning class can choose one item from each column below to build their own prize package.

Items to help students LEARN	Items to help students CONSERVE	Items to help students CELEBRATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornell Lab e-Bird Explorer Curriculum Kit (choose one) • Cornell Lab Owl Pellet Curriculum Kit • The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America with the NatureWatch Bird Track Set and Bird Tracks Field Guide. • Bird Feathers: A guide to North American Species with an Acorn Naturalist Feather Replica Set and two sets of Color Diffusing Paper Feathers • Set of 8 Audubon Plush Birds with Sounds (You choose 8 from a wide selection.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bluebird Nest Box • Bird-friendly Native Tree or Shrub for the Schoolyard • Window Bird Feeder • 2 rolls of 3/4" x 40" CollidEscape High-Performance™ BirdTape™ • 4 packs of Window Alert Anti-collision Window Decals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet a Bird of Prey Animal Ambassador at your school (schools must be within 25 miles of Dayton). • Bird Beak Buffet Outreach Program (no live animals). Play games to learn about birds, then eat a bird treat buffet (schools must be within 25 miles of Dayton). • Meet us at Germantown MetroParks’ Twin Valley Welcome Center for an indoor and outdoor birding adventure (school must provide transportation).