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# What's Flying Around ASUMH?

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# AGENDA

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- What are the main three birds are on our campus?
- How to identify them.
- Some of their habitat materials.
- Cool facts about birds.
- Can YOU identify them?

## STANDARD:

Populations live in a variety of habitats, and change in those habitats affects the organisms living there. (3-LS4-4)



# What Birds are on our campus?

ASUMH has many different types of birds:

The Northern Cardinal, Blue Jay, and the  
Red-bellied Woodpecker.



Northern Cardinal



Blue Jay



Red-bellied Woodpecker



The male Cardinals have way more brighter and red colors in their feathers, and their beaks are longer.



The female Cardinal usually has more brown colors in her feathers, and shorter looking beak.

## THE NORTHERN CARDINAL

### How to identify them

Cardinals are beautiful birds that have bright red feathers, and mo-hawk feathers on top of their heads.





The female Blue Jay bird is not as bright colored as the male, and she has a smaller head than the male.

Some ways to identify these birds are by their bright blue color, and the black and white details on their feathers. The male Blue Jay has much brighter colors than the female Blue Jay.

## Blue jay birds



**Male**

**VS**



**Female**





MAL

FEMAL

The Red-bellied Woodpeckers are known for their bright red head and their black and white patterned wings and back.

The male has the bright red head, and the female doesn't.





# Some information about birds habitats

Birds will use just about anything in order to build a strong and cozy home for them to lay their eggs.



Birds will use a variety of materials to build their nests, depending on the species and the environment. Common materials include twigs, grass, leaves, feathers, mud, and even human-made items like string and plastic.





# COOL FACTS ABOUT THESE BIRDS!

Blue Jays are known for their intelligence and problem-solving abilities. They can mimic the calls of other birds. They are also very social birds, and are often seen in groups. Blue Jays are omnivorous. They eat a variety of foods, including nuts, seeds, fruits, and insects.

Northern Cardinals, especially males are known for their vibrant red colors, while the females are a more brown with reddish things. Cardinals are known for their beautiful songs. Males sing to establish territory and attract mates. Unlike many other birds that migrate, northern cardinals typically stay in the same area year round.

Despite their name, red-bellied woodpeckers have a very subtle patch on their bellies. Their most noticeable feature is the bright red cap on their heads, especially in males. They have a distinct drumming pattern that they use to communicate and establish territory. They often nest in dead or decaying trees, which provide the perfect environment for raising their young.



# What You'll Be Doing!

As you walk the trail at ASUMH, watch for birds. Keep count of how many birds you see and how many nests you see. At the end of the trail, draw your favorite bird or the bird you saw the most while walking.

**CAN YOU FIND THESE  
BIRDS???**

