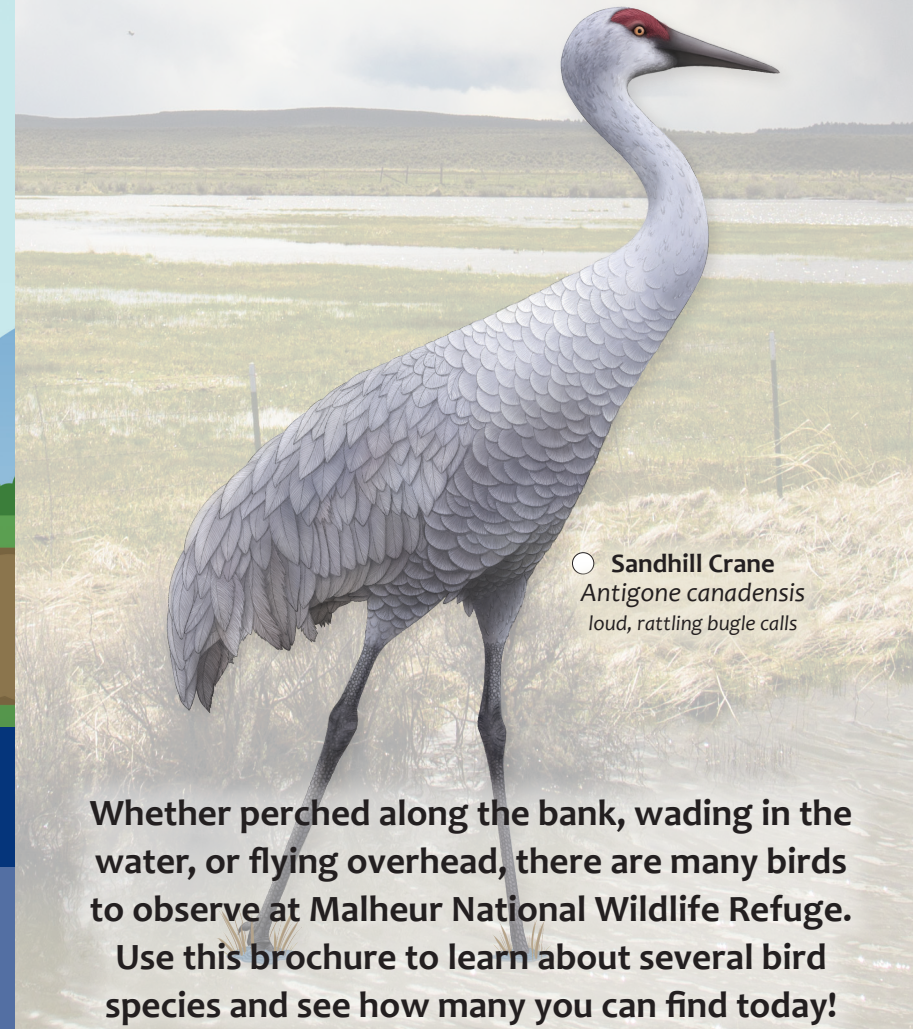




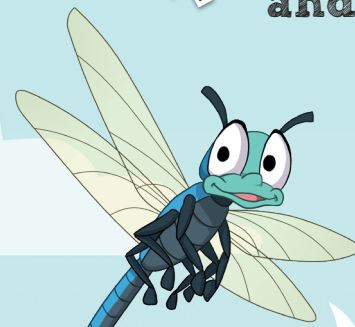
Birds of Malheur NWR



Sandhill Crane
Antigone canadensis
loud, rattling bugle calls

Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Use this brochure to learn about several bird species and see how many you can find today!

TRACK your hike at kidsinparks.com and get **FREE** prizes!



Thanks for joining us today!

Visit our website to find more TRACK Trail™ adventures near you!



FOLLOW US!

 @KidsInParks

 @KidsInParksBRPF



Kids in Parks is a program of the

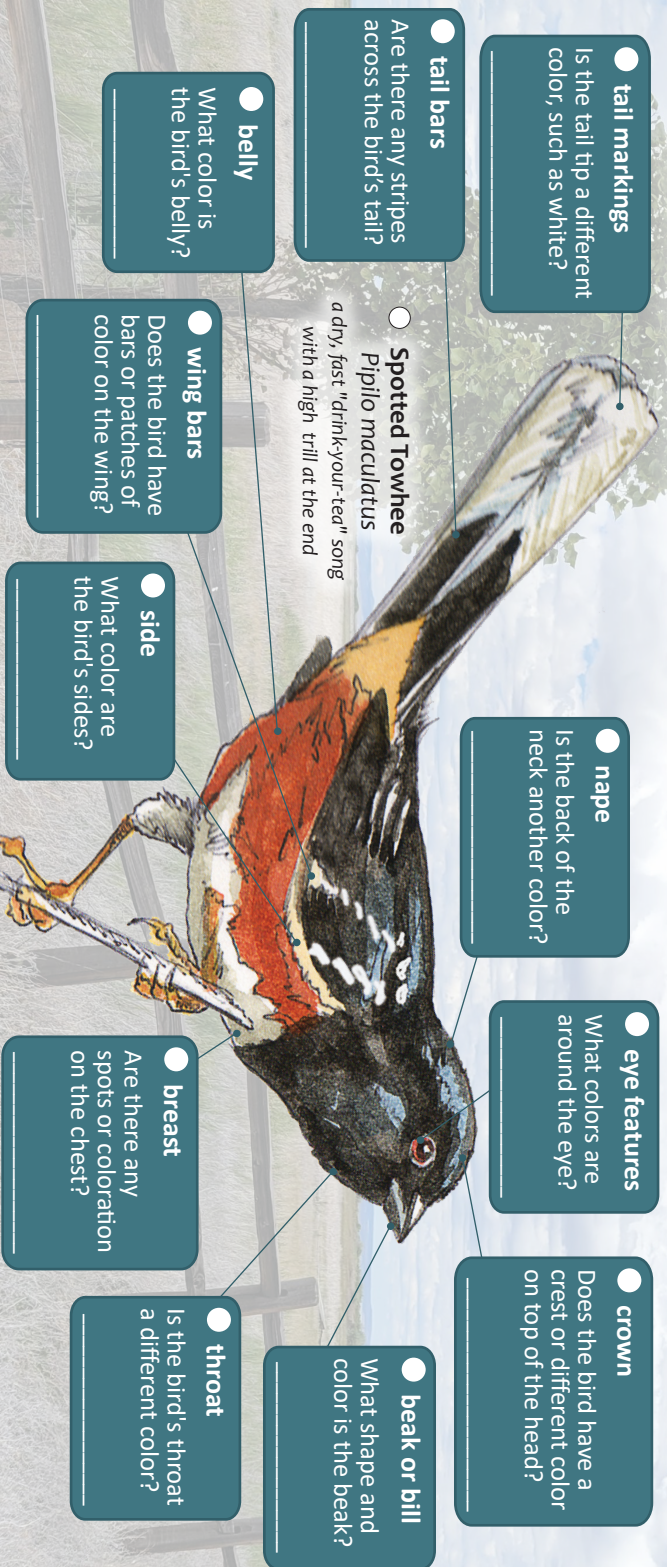


TRACK Trail Partners:



Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location, call, and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and make notes of any identifying field marks:



- tail markings**
Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?
- tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?
- belly**
What color is the bird's belly?
- wing bars**
Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?
- side**
What color are the bird's sides?
- nape**
Is the back of the neck another color?
- eye features**
What colors are around the eye?
- breast**
Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?
- throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?
- beak or bill**
What shape and color is the beak?
- crown**
Does the bird have a crest or different color on top of the head?

Spotted Towhee
Pipilo maculatus
a dry, fast "drink-your-tea" song with a high trill at the end

What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise? Is it on the ground digging in leaves? Or is it in the water swimming?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a raven or small like a chickadee? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? What color is it, and what types of markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you observe at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!



Yellow-headed Blackbird
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus
loud, metallic notes
followed by a harsh buzz

Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis
"kee-arr" raspy scream



Bullock's Oriole
Icterus bullockii
rhythmic notes of whistles
and scratchy rattles



Yellow Warbler
Setophaga petechia
whistles "sweet, sweet,
sweet, I'm so sweet"

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Archilochus alexandri
high-pitched chirps and buzzes



Barn Swallow
Hirundo rustica
series of warbles followed
by mechanical "whirrs"



Song Sparrow
Melospiza melodia
string of trills and buzzes



Northern Flicker
Colaptes auratus
loud, rattling series of notes



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias
squawk "roh-roh-roh" or
a series of deep "fawnk"



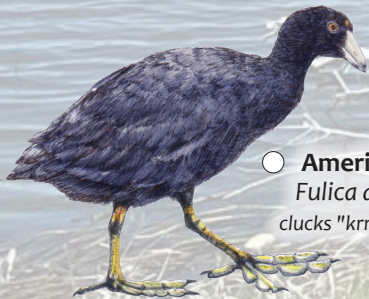
Gadwall
Mareca strepera
short, deep reedy calls
and high whistles



American Robin
Turdus migratorius
whistles a string of "cheerily,
cheer up, cheer up"



American Coot
Fulica americana
clucks "krrrp" or "pri-ki"



California Quail
Callipepla californica
shrill squeals or a
varying "Chi-ca-go" call



Great Horned Owl
Bubo virginianus
deep, rhythmic
"hoo-h'HOO-hoo-hoo"

