

# MONA's Guide to Backyard Bird Watching!

1. Use binoculars to capture sightings of birds in and around your backyard!
2. If you don't have binoculars, you will need to get the birds in close enough to see them. There are 2 ways: a) fill a birdfeeder with good quality seed (seed type will attract certain birds - see <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/types-of-bird-seed-a-quick-guide/>)  
b) planting plants for birds (for next year!) <https://ofnc.ca/programs/fletcher-wildlife-garden/make-your-own-wildlife-garden/creating>
3. Learn how to read a Field Guide to the Birds. If don't have one, make one. Or make a quick reference poster of all the common birds you might see in your backyard. If there is an unfamiliar bird you cannot identify, take photos/record song of it and send to McB who will send it to MONA. She will get back to you. She knows pretty much ALL bird sounds and what they look like. Really!

Common backyard birds are:

Black-capped Chickadee

Northern Cardinal

American Goldfinch

Common Grackle

Red-winged Blackbird

House Sparrow

House Finch

Purple Finch

Blue Jay

Dark-eyed Junco

European Starling

Mourning Dove  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird