

Maple leaf

# FOC Kids Zone!

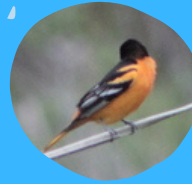
For all ages!  
May 2020 Part 1

Happy spring!

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## Migration

At different times of the year, some birds fly miles and miles north or south to stay warm, find food, and have babies!



Baltimore Oriole



Yellow-throated Vireo



American Robin

This spring, birds that spent the winter down south are returning home. Welcome back, birds!

## Get Crafty with Nature!

1. Gather some paints and a wooden birdhouse from the craft aisle of a store (or make your own!)
2. Be creative! Decorate the house however you'd like. Just don't paint the inside of the house--baby birds might peck at it.
3. Let it dry then hang it somewhere safe outside. Check back to see if a bird family is living there!



## Try Birdwatching!

Whether you sit at a window and watch a feeder or go for a walk with binoculars, anyone can birdwatch! Snap some pictures while you're at it! Or, if you want, you can just listen to their songs and calls, and even try and record them. Keep a list of the birds you find and see if you can find out what type they are... (The Seek app is a great I.D. tool)



*Did you know that this yellow bird is a Kentucky Warbler? But it's not the state bird of Kentucky... Can you find out what is?*

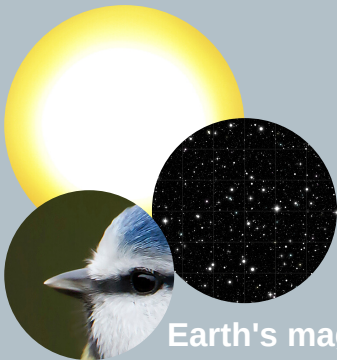
## Birdie Behavior

Have you seen birds carrying things in their beaks while they fly or hop around on the ground? Birds collect things like grass, hay, twigs, and even animal fur to make their nests. Different birds prefer different materials and make different shaped nests!

## Out of this world!

How do you think birds know where to fly? Do they use a compass? A GPS?

Scientists aren't positive about how birds navigate. But, there's research that shows that they can use things like the sun, stars, Earth's magnetic field, smell, and sight to tell where they are and where they need to go!



American Toad

## Ms. Toad's Challenge

How many birds are there flying around this page? Head outside and count how many birds you can see or hear! Did you know there are 375 types of birds in KY?



Answer: 7



Gilled mushroom