

## **San Francisco Nature Education Introduction to Birds School Program Kindergarten**

### Summary

Our kindergarten program offers science and environmental education by introducing students to the local birds of San Francisco. We focus on getting to know local birds by sight and listening for birdcalls.

The program is designed to align with the California Department of Education Content Standards. The program includes a 40 minute interactive presentation in the school library or auditorium to two or three kindergarten classes at a time. We provide pre- and post-presentation teacher classroom materials and student coloring journals.

### Content Standards Alignment

*California State Content Standards for Life Sciences, Kindergarten: Different types of plants and animals inhabit the earth. As a basis for understanding this concept:*

Content Standard	SFNE Program Coverage
a. Students know how to observe and describe similarities and differences in the appearance and behavior of plants and animals (e.g., seed-bearing plants, birds, fish, insects).	We cover bird appearance and behavior and compare and contrast it with other animals.
b. Students know stories sometimes give plants and animals attributes they do not really have.	We discuss examples from TV, movies, and children's books.
c. Students know how to identify major structures of common plants and animals (e.g., stems, leaves, roots, arms, wings, legs).	We bring in bird specimens, plush birds, skeletons, wings and bones.

### Program Structure

#### *Pre-school visit*

Teachers will be provided information to cover with their students prior to our presentation:

#### *School visit presentation*

A SFNE naturalist and volunteers will lead the students through an interactive presentation that will cover each of the above content standards.

#### *Post-visit*

Each teacher will receive coloring journals for their students. They will also receive, on loan, color charts to guide their students in completing their coloring journals.

Teachers are also responsible for completing a program evaluation to assist us in maintaining high program standards.

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