

Backyard Birds

Books:

A home for bird by Philip C. Stead

A nest full of eggs by Priscilla Belz Jenkins

Birds by Kevin Henkes

Boo hoo bird by Jeremy Tankard

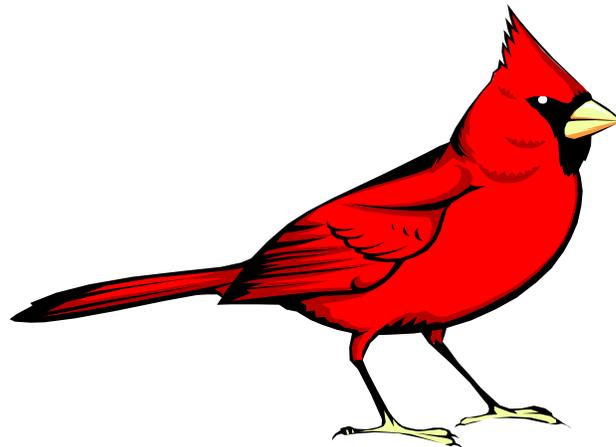
Bring on the birds by Susan Stockdale

Feathers for lunch by Lois Ehlert

If I never forever endeavor by Holly Meade

No two alike by Keith Baker

Peck, peck, peck by Lucy Cousins



Fingerplays, songs, rhymes:

This Little Bird

(tune: "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way we scratch for worms, scratch for worms, scratch for worms,

This is the way we scratch for worms so early in the morning.

This is the way we peck our food

This is the way we flap our wings

Hummingbird's Sound

A hummingbird gets its name from the sound

Of its hum—hmm—as it darts all around.

The sound is not a song that it sings

But the fast flapping of its tiny wings!

Building Nests

The birds are building nest today

(move hand in circle)

With twigs, grass, mud, and string.

(open and close thumb and index finger)

The birds are building nest today,

(move hand in a circle)

They're using everything!

(hold hands out, palms up)

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Five Little Red Birds

Five little red birds. *(hold up five fingers)*

Pecking at my door. *(mimic actions)*

One flew away, and

Then there were four. *(hold up four fingers)*

{Repeat with}

Four little red birds

Sitting in a tree.

One pounced on a worm, and

Then there were three.

(hold up three fingers)

Three little red birds

Calling "Coo-coo-coo."

One flew to a nest, and

Then there were two. *(hold up two fingers)*

Two little red birds

Sleeping in the sun.

One woke and hopped away, and

Then there was one. *(hold up one finger)*

One little red bird as lonely as could be.

When it flew away, all that's left was me!

--j 027.62 Nichols / Nicholas, Judy

--Storytimes for Two-Year-Olds

Color Birds

Yellow bird, yellow bird,
High in a tree,
How many yellow things
Can you see?
(name yellow object)
Blue bird, blue bird,
High in a tree,
How many blue things
Can you see?
(name blue objects)
Red bird, red bird,
High in a tree,
How many red things
Can you see?
(name red objects)

Build a Nest

(tune: "The Hokey Pokey")
You weave some grass in.
You pull some twigs out.
You weave some string in
And you feather it about.
You build a lovely nest,
Sturdy 'cause you know -
That's where your eggs will go!
Jean Warren
-www.preschooexpress.com

If I Were a Bird

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song,
(twine thumbs together and move hands like wings)
And fly about the whole day long.
And when the night comes, go to rest,
Way up high in my cozy nest.
(cup hands together to form nest)
--From *Ring A Ring O'Roses*

Five Little Birds

Five little birds without any home,
(raise 5 fingers of right hand)
Five little trees in a row.
(raise right hand high over head)
Come and build your nests in our branches tall
(cup left hand for nest-right fingers in)
We'll rock you to and fro,
(then rock both hands)

Once I Saw a Little Bird

Once I saw a little bird
Go hop, hop, hop *(mimic actions)*
And I called, "Little Bird,
Will you stop, stop, stop?
(hold up hand, palm out)
I was opening the window
To say "How do you do," *(bow)*
But he shook his little tail
And far away he flew.
(make flying motion with arms)
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If You're a Bird and You Know It

If you're a bird and you know it flap your wings
If you're a birds and you know it flap your wings
If you're a birds an you knot, then you really ought to
show it,
If you're a birds a you know it flap your wings
Shake your tail feathers!
Say tweet— tweet!

Little Birds

Little birds, little birds, jump up and down.
Little birds, little birds, don't make a sound.
Little birds, little birds, tip-toe to me.
Little birds, little birds, bend your knees.
Little birds, little birds, peep, peep, peep.
Little birds, little birds, sleep, sleep, sleep.
Little birds, little birds, fly to the leaves.
Little birds, little birds, sit down please.

Science Activity

Nests! Have children smooth soft clay into nest shapes. Then they can press twigs, leaves, and feathers into the nests.

Craft

Using colorful cups, feathers, googly eyes, and construction paper create birds that the children can take home

