

# STORY TIME RESOURCES

## NOT TWO ALIKE

### STORY TIME DESCRIPTION

Is every bird, snowflake or tree the same? Almost, almost but not quite. Our story today is [\*No Two Alike\*](#) by Keith Baker. It follows two birds as they journey through the woods on a winter snowy day to discover that everything is different and nothing is exactly the same. It's an engaging story that teaches us to celebrate similarities and differences in nature and ourselves and a great way to kick-off the Great Backyard Bird Count!

### BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST

Help Cornell Scientist Study Birds [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org)

Anyone interested in birds can participate: children, families, individuals, classrooms, retired persons, youth groups, nature centers, and bird clubs. Feederwatch participants count the birds they see at their feeders and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. Children can count birds as often as they wish. The schedule is completely flexible. All you need is a bird feeder or plantings that attract birds.

Become a Nest Watcher [www.nestwatch.org](http://www.nestwatch.org)

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch program is an excellent way for your child to tune into the natural world and contribute to a widespread citizen science project. NestWatch helps people of all ages and backgrounds connect with nature. The information that NestWatchers collect allows scientists to understand the impact that various threats, such as environmental change and habitat destruction, have on breeding birds. With this information scientists can take the necessary steps to help birds survive in this changing world.

### OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Get Involved:** Discover ways to participate and get involved with the **Great Backyard Bird Count** by visiting these websites [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org), [Audubon.org](http://Audubon.org) and [Cornell Lab newsletter](#)
- **Richmond Audubon Society:** Richmond Audubon Society has information about [Birding in the Richmond](#) area and where to find some of the best trails to see a diverse variety of birds.
- **All About Birds:** This [website](#) is great for bird identification and learning different bird calls and songs.
- **Child-Friendly Bird Guides:** Audubon gives a list of [six kid-friendly bird guides](#).

- **Read This Article:** [Birding with Kids, You Don't Have to be an Expert](#) an article written by Jennifer L. Bristol
- **Meet Virginia Owls:** Take a look at this article about owls “[Virginia's Most Mysterious Birds](#)” written by Glenda C. Booth from Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

## LEARN ABOUT BIRDS THROUGH PLAY

- **Bird Memory Game:** This 100 piece [Memory Game Birds of North America](#) features real images of 50 different birds found in North America and it comes with a large two-sided poster with all the birds featured on the memory cards.
- **Audubon Plush Birds:** These plush birds are available through Audubon's Adoption Center program. You can also find them at Wild Republic and Amazon.com. For the store nearest you, call 1-800-800-9678. They are also sold in the gift shop at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.
- **Go on a Scavenger Hunt:** Take this [bird-hunt-sheet](#) with you on your next bird walk.
- **Books, Puzzles and More:** [The Cornell Lab Publishing Group](#) has books, puzzles, and other materials where children of all ages can play while learning about birds.
- **Bird Anatomy:** Learn about a birds beaks and feet by playing this game called [Whose Beak? Whose Feet?](#) Presented by Audubon Adventures for Kids.

## BIRD RELATED BOOKS

- [Ruby's Birds](#) by Maya Thompson
- [Bird Count](#) by Susan Edwards Richmond
- [Counting Birds: The Idea That Helped Save Our Feathered Friends](#) by Heidi E.Y. Stemple
- [Owl Babies](#) by Martin Waddell
- [The Busy Tree](#) by Jennifer Ward
- [Mama Built a Little Nest](#) by Jennifer Ward
- [Birds](#) by Kevin Henkes
- [Snow Birds](#) by Kristen Hall
- [Birdsongs](#) by Betsy Franco and Steve Jenkins
- [You Nest Here With Me](#) by Jane Yolen
- [Bird Watch](#) by Christie Matheson
- [The Wonderful Book of Birds](#) by Collin Michaelson
- [Our Yard is Full of Birds](#) by Anne Rockwell
- [A Bird is a Bird](#) by Lizzy Rockwell
- [About Birds: A Guide for Children](#) by Cathryn Sill
- [Common Backyard Birds](#) by Doris Dumrauf
- [Beginners Birdwatchers Book](#) by Sy Barlowe
- [Audubon Birding Adventures for Kids: Activities and Ideas for Watching, Feeding, and Housing Our Feathered Friends](#) by Elissa Wolfson