

Life-sized Bird Silhouettes

A tool for developing your Search Image

Size and Shape

One of the first keys to bird identification is determining its size. Bird **Silhouettes** provide a quick life-sized reference for some common birds, and birds with identifiable physical characteristics such as a crown or forked tail. It is often difficult to determine a size relationship birds based on field guide images. These silhouettes give a life-sized and real reference. Recognizing a crown, a forked tail or posture of a correctly sized bird helps to create confidence by building the correct Search Image.

Search Image

When the silhouettes are displayed indoors in a location that mimics the landscape feature where the bird is typically found, you are creating the correct Search Image. For example, with these similarly sized birds, you are likely to find a Junco on the ground, a Chickadee within the tree branches, and a Nuthatch in a head-down position on the trunk of a tree.

Field Guides

Field guides provide references to important diagnostic features, range, behavior and song/call. These silhouettes are designed as learning tools to be used in conjunction with field guides. The *NatureMapping* community linked to the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group created these silhouettes. The silhouettes were first created to assist the local trail walkers in identifying the birds of the wetlands. The silhouettes are made of durable recycled x-ray film which is donated by local veterinarians.

SET A Bufflehead, Grebe spp., Mallard, Northern pintail, Belted kingfisher, Jay (w/crest), American robin, Waxwing spp., American crow, Common nighthawk, American coot.	\$15.00
SET B Barn Swallow, Swallow spp., Junco spp., Chickadee spp., Woodpeckers (Downy/Hairy/Pileated), Flicker spp., Screech owl spp., Great-horned owl, House wren, Brown creeper, Sparrow spp.	\$16.00
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