

Bird Calls

INTERPRETIVE CHEAT SHEET

ACTIVITY

Display pictures of local birds on cards and/or in books such as the John Muir Laws Sierra Nevada Guide. Ask visitors if they have seen any of these birds. Also ask them if they know any of the bird calls. Use the *Birdsong Identifier* machine to play different bird songs. You can get a wider variety of bird calls by using a smartphone and accessing different websites. A good one is run by the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology – <https://www.allaboutbirds.org>. You can look up specific birds and hear their calls. On that site you could also watch videos, webcams and access lots of additional information. That is just one of many examples, but it is a good one.

Challenge your visitors to listen for some of these calls as they are out in the canyons and identify which birds are making them.