



## Courtship Behavior Cards *Use the this information to make the front of your cards.*

**W**hen this male bird sings its courtship song, it often rises several feet off its perch, as if propelled by the passion of its song.

*(Action: Sing your school song while jumping up and down.)*

**F**lashing its handsome black and white crest, this bird swims around and around the females, then he leaps into the air and does a somersault before coming to rest on the water.

*(Action: Run around in a circle, then do a somersault.)*

**T**his male bird makes loud drumming noises by tapping its beak on hollow branches or other objects, like telephone poles or the drainpipes on a house.

*(Action: Tap two sticks together to make loud drumming noises.)*

**T**his male bird flaps its wings rapidly to make a muffled drumming sound. This is often done while standing on a log or large rock.

*(Action: Stand on a sturdy stool or chair while quickly moving your arms up and down. Tap your legs with your arms to make a drumming sound.)*

**T**his male bird has a brilliant red throat patch that it inflates during its courtship display.

*(Action: Tuck a red balloon under your chin and walk around showing it off.)*

**T**his male bird struts, bows, and makes a loud whistling sound by blowing up orange air sacs on its neck.

*(Action: While holding an orange balloon on each side of your neck, walk with a strut, then take a bow. Try to whistle while you do this.)*

**T**his male bird brings special treats like thistle seed to win over a female bird.

*(Action: Collect and offer some seeds to a "female bird.")*

**T**his domesticated male bird has a long tail of green and bronze feathers that it fans and shakes during courtship.

*(Action: Hold up a fan of long green paper "feathers" behind your back.)*



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**Hooded  
Merganser**



**Orchard  
Oriole**



**Ruffed  
Grouse**



**Downy  
Woodpecker**



**Greater  
Prairie-  
Chicken**



**Magnificent  
Frigatebird**



**Common  
Peafowl  
(Males  
are called  
Peacocks)**



**Lesser  
Goldfinch**