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Observing Birds in the Wild Worksheet

Look for the behaviors listed below. Check those you find, then list the bird's specific location and habitat. If you can, identify the species. If not, list some identifying features.

Check	Behavior Items	Specific Location and Habitat	Identification
❑	Singing or calling (Mostly males.)		
❑	Preening (Sometimes looks as if it is nibbling, tugging, or combing its feathers with its beak.)		
❑	Bathing in water		
❑	Taking a dust bath		
❑	Soaring		
❑	Flying (Its wings are beating.)		
❑	Perched on a limb or branch		
❑	Hovering in mid-air (wings beating rapidly.)		
❑	Swimming		
❑	Walking or hopping on the ground		
❑	Diving or tipping up its rump in the water		
❑	Standing on the ground		
❑	Wading in water		
❑	Feeding		
❑	Flying with a worm or insect in its mouth		
❑	Flying with or gathering twigs, grasses, leaves, string, etc.		
❑	Perched on the edge of its nest		
❑	Climbing a trunk or branch		
❑	Hanging upside down from a branch		
❑	Chiseling into the side of a tree or branch		
❑	Perching on a wire, fence post, tree snag, over an open area		
❑	A group of birds perching together on a phone/electrical wire		
❑	A flock of small birds chasing a large bird		
❑	A group of birds flocking together		
❑	Other (List behavior)		

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