



Montessori-Inspired
Discovery Unit:
Birds

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Welcome! If you decided to check out this guide, then I'm guessing that you have a bird lover(s) at home/school! I mainly created this guide to include options for older infants/young toddlers who are showing interest in birds, but since I have a one and three year old at home, you will see that there are many options for older toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarteners as well! I hope you and your little(s) will enjoy these bird-themed resources and be able to add some to your Montessori inspired birds discovery! If you have any questions at all about finding or using any of these resources, please send me an email at katie@teacherandthetots.com. I'd be happy to help!

Montessori Friendly Bird Books

Board Books for Babies

- [National Geographic Kids Look & Learn: Birds](#)
- [Nest](#)
- [Baby's First Book of Birds and Colors](#)
- [My Early Learning Book of Birds](#)
- [Good Night Birds](#)
- [Count the Birds](#)

Toddler-Kindergarten Books

- [National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Birds](#)
- [Mama Built a Little Nest](#)
- [A Nest is Noisy](#)
- [Birds: My First Discoveries](#)
- [National Geographic Kids: Everything Birds of Prey](#)
- [Bird Builds a Nest](#)
- [Birds Make Nests](#)
- [Birds, Nests, and Eggs](#)

Shelf Materials for Discovery and Exploration

For Babies-

- [Plush American Robin](#)
- [Plush Goldfinch](#)
- Sensory Bottles with:
 - Real or [Fake Feathers](#)
 - [Fake Eggs](#) or Real Bird Egg Shells (We used a robin's egg shell we found.)
 - [Safari Ltd. TOOB](#) or Schleich bird figures
 - Birdseed

For Older Babies & Toddlers-

- [Montessori Bird Puzzle](#)
- [Fake Nest](#)
- [Fake Wooden Eggs](#)
- [Fake Worms](#)
- [Learning Resources Jumbo Magnifier](#)
- [Backyard Birds TOOB](#) and/or [Exotic Birds TOOB](#)
- Schleich Bird Figures
- [Common Birds Stickers](#)
- [Sparrow Wood Stamp](#) with [Washable Stamp Pads](#)
- [Kids Binoculars](#)

Shelf Materials for Discovery and Exploration Cont.

For Older Toddlers-Kindergarten-

- [Ultimate Sticker Book: North American Birds](#)
- [Learning Resources Birds in a Nest Color Sorting Set](#)
- [Backyard Birds Matching & Memory Game](#)

Montessori-Inspired Printable Cards

- Teacher and the Tots Bird Matching Cards (included in this PDF, perfect for matching with the Safari Ltd. Backyard Birds TOOB)
- [The Montessori Company Vocab Cards](#) (beautiful illustrations and they have many other options)
- [Parts of a Bird Nomenclature Cards](#) from The Helpful Garden (free download)
- [Birds: Three Part Cards Laminated](#) (these come laminated from Montessori Services)

Practical Life Ideas

- Create DIY Birdseed Ornaments
 - I love [these ones](#) from Natural Beach Living
- Make and Paint a Birdhouse
 - [This](#) is a great wooden option for preschoolers-kindergarteners.
 - [This](#) is a simpler option made from recycled cartons.
 - Or, you can buy a plain wooden birdhouse at most craft stores and then let your child(ren) paint it!
- Put Clean Water out for Birds
- Pick up Plastic Trash by the Beach/Sea with Gloves
- Bird Watching with Binoculars and Keep a Beginning Bird Journal
- Visit an aviary/bird sanctuary

Sensory Bin Ideas

- Create a bin with fake dirt and fake worms
 - Fake dirt recipe:
 - 1 cup of cocoa powder OR 2 cups of coffee grounds
 - 6-7 cups of flour
 - 1 cup of oil
- Create a bin with mud, sticks, and leaves, and other natural items to make “nests”
- Create a bin with fake dirt or dyed green rice and bird figures
 - Dyed green rice recipe:
 - 5 cups of rice (or however much you need to fill the bin you are using)
 - A few drops of green food coloring OR a generous squirt of washable green paint
 - 2-3 teaspoons of vinegar
- Create a bin with blue and clear water beads and penguin figures or other water birds
- Create a bin with pieces of grass (or fake grass), fake nest, fake eggs, and plush bird(s)

Possible Shelf Setups



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