

If your readers are worn out from a tough week of schoolwork, consider some quiet time with a book followed by a nature outing to reboot energy and curiosity. Here are some stellar bird books for elementary students to inform and inspire.

***"All the Birds in the World"* by David Opie (2020)**

More than 100 birds from a wide regional range are accurately portrayed across sweeping illustrations in this book. Meanwhile, a plaintive little kiwi bird considers the others' attributes and appearances, wondering whether it fits in among feathered friends.

***"Bird Count"* by Susan Edwards Richmond (2019)**

A little girl and her mother brave a snowy morning to participate in the Christmas Bird Count, joining citizen scientists in their careful observations to identify birds in the community.

***"Bird Show"* by Susan Stockdale (2021)**

Eighteen birds are presented as modeling in a fashion show, their feathers compared to various articles of clothing that should be familiar to children such as vests and aprons. This nonfiction title includes brief details about each of the birds as well as a guessing game based on their distinctive patterns.

***"Hawks Kettle, Puffins Wheel: And Other Poems of Birds in Flight"* by Susan Vande Griek and Mark Hoffmann (2019)**

Strong verse animates 12 birds in flight, from the mobbing of crows to murmurs of starlings in this informative and descriptive homage to the study of birds and their behavior, also known as ornithology.

***"Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard"* by Annette Cate (2019)**

Talkative birds chit-chat about their various features in this cartoonish, informative and amusing nonfiction introduction to birdwatching.

***"My Beautiful Birds"* by Suzanne Del Rizzo (2017)**

Hand-sculpted illustrations of his pet pigeons represent all that Sami left behind when he fled his worn-torn home in Syria, but new birds appear at his refugee camp: harbingers of hope and new beginnings.

***"Telephone"* by Mac Barnett and Jen Corace (2014)**

It's almost time for dinner and a mother bird sends a message along the wire for little Peter. Each bird who hears the message interprets it with their own spin before passing it along, making for one confused little birdie once the message finally reaches Peter.

***"Too Many Birds"* by Cindy Derby (2020)**

A bird monitor takes his role a bit too seriously. No pooping on the ground! No nesting! And a newly hatched addition to the tree's flock may tip the grumpy monitor over the edge.

After you've flown the coop, nestle down with one of these family activities to extend your learning and fun:

- Cover pinecones with peanut butter and roll them in birdseed for eco-friendly feeders.
- Sign up to participate in this year's national bird count on February 18-21, 2022!
- Check [National Audubon](#) to find additional aviary activities in your area.