BIRD WATCHING

Its time to find a window or head outside to search for some birds. Try looking in trees, bushes or better yet a bird feeder!

Once you find some take a few minutes to watch them.
What do you think they are they doing? And why?

List some of your bird observations below:

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Describe some of the birds you observed:

- Where did you find them?
- What did they look like?
- Their colors?
- Their size?
- Did they make noise?

BONUS: Draw some of the birds you just observed on the back or a separate sheet of paper. Send your picture to schoolprograms@wildcenter.org to share your work!
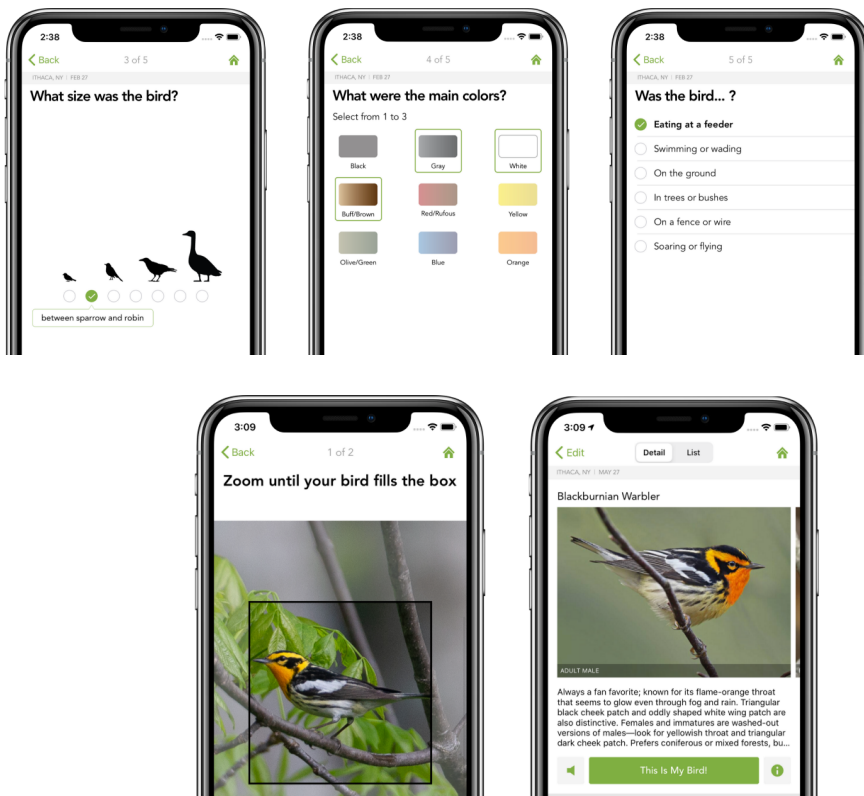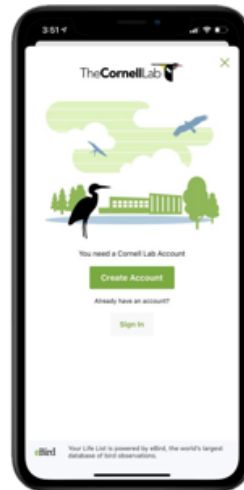
Citizen Science

Now that you have spent some time observing birds and their behaviors Your next step it to join in an awesome Citizen Science App - Merlin Bird ID. This app will help you to identify birds, save them so that you can reference which birds you have found, and add those sightings to a larger database that helps researchers track bird populations.

Setup the Account

1. Download the Merlin Bird Id app for free on your smart device.
2. Create an account.
3. Select the Bird Pack for your region and install it.

Identifying Birds

1. Touch Start Bird ID
2. Choose your location.
3. Enter the date of the sighting.
4. Answer the three questions based on the bird you are watching or take a photo
5. Choose which bird you saw from the provided choices.
6. Select "This is My Bird!"
7. You'll be asked to confirm your bird sighting and location. Give your location a unique name!