

Madison Public Library's
Storytime Starters

Spring 2019 - Birds

Books for Toddlers:

Birds by Kevin Henkes, 2009. (FAVORITES Henkes)

Nest by Jorey Hurley, 2014. (NATURE Hurley)

Shake a Leg, Egg! By Kurt Cyrus, 2017. (NATURE Cyrus)

Wow! Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood, 2009. (CONCEPTS Hopgood)

Books for Preschoolers:

Birdsongs by Betsy Franco, 2007. (NATURE Franco)

Cuckoo! By Fiona Robertson, 2012. (ANIMALS Birds – Robertson, F)

Froodle by Antoinette Portis, 2014. (FAVORITES Portis)

Hello, My Name Is Ruby by Philip C. Stead, 2013. (Stead)

Have You Heard the Nesting Bird? by Rita Gray, 2014. (NATURE Gray)

Owl Sees Owl by Laura Godwin, 2016. (NATURE Godwin)

School-Age Extension:

Feathers: Not Just for Flying by Melissa Stewart, 2014. (598.147 St49f)

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Fingerplays & Songs : (Also, see rhyme sheets in folder.)

If I Were a Bird

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song
and fly about the whole day long
and when the night comes, I'd go to rest
way up high in my cozy nest.

(From:

<https://thelibraryann.wordpress.com/2014/10/01/tweet-storytime-for-the-birds/>)

A Wise Old Owl

A wise old owl sat in an oak.
The more he heard,
The less he spoke.
The less he spoke,
The more he heard.
Why aren't we all like that
Wise old bird?

(From:

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Birds Fly High - sung to 'Twinkle,
Twinkle Little Star'

Birds fly high and bees fly low,
Caterpillars crawl and river flow,
Cats meow and cows go 'moo'.
Puppies bark and babies 'coo'.
So many things to see and hear,
I use my eyes and I use my ears.

(From:

<http://stepbystepcc.com/animals/birds.html>)

Little White Duck

**There's a little white duck (quack)
Sittin' in the water**

**There's a little white duck (quack)
Doin what he oughter.**

**He took a bite of the lily pad
Flapped his wings & he said,
"I'm glad, I'm a little white duck
Sittin' in the water."**

(Quack, quack, quack)

(From:



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<http://stepbystepcc.com/animals/birds.html>)

Five and five eggs

Five and five eggs

(Hold up hands)

That makes ten

Sitting on top is mother hen

(Fold one hand over the other)

Crackle crackle crackle

(Clap hands three times)

What do I see

(fingers around eyes)

Ten fluffy chickens

As yellow as can be

(hold up ten fingers.)

(From:

<http://stepbystepcc.com/animals/birds.html>)

Five Little Birds - poem

Five little birds in a nest in a tree

(hold up right hand)

Are just hungry as can be

"Peep", said baby bird number one

(wiggle one finger)

Mother bird promised she would come

"Peep, Peep", said baby bird number

two,

If she doesn't come what will we do?

"Peep, Peep, Peep", said baby bird number three,

I hope she can find this tree.

"Peep, Peep, Peep, Peep", said baby bird number four,

She never was so late before.

"Peep, Peep, Peep, Peep, Peep", said baby bird number five,

When will our mother bird arrive?

Well, here she comes to feed her family

(use left hand as mommy bird)

They're all as happy as can be!

(From:

<http://stepbystepcc.com/animals/birds.html>)

The Owl

There's a wide eyed owl

(thumbs and forefingers around eyes)

With a pointed nose

(forefinger makes a v at end of nose)

Two pointed ears,

(forefingers extended up from head)

and claws for toes

(fingers and arms bent in front of chest)

When he sits up in the tree

(point to tree)

and he looks at you

(point at a child in the group)

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he flaps his wings
(fold arms into arm pits and flap)
And he says "Whoop Whoop."

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An Owl Sat Alone

An owl sat alone
On the branch of a tree.
(Hold up pointer finger)
He was as quiet
As he could be.
(Put finger to lips.)
It was night,
And his eyes were round like this
(Circle eyes with thumbs and fingers.)
And when he looked around,
Not a thing did he miss.
(Move head from side to side.)

(From:
<http://stepbystepcc.com/animals/birds.html>)

See, See, See Song- Submitted by
Patrisha

See, see, see
(shade eyes with hands)
Three birds are in a tree
(hold up three fingers)
One can chirp
(point to thumb)
And one can sing
(point to index finger)
One is just a tiny thing.
(point to middle finger, then rock
baby bird in arms)
See, See, See
Three birds are in a tree
(hold up three fingers)
Look, look, look
(shade eyes)
Three ducks are in a brook
(hold up three fingers)
One is white, and one is brown.
One is swimming upside down
(point to a finger each time)
Look, look, look
Three ducks are in a brook.
(hold up three fingers)

(From:
<http://www.oocities.org/providersnfriends/spring/s3.html>)

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Big Book: Jen the Hen's Big Book

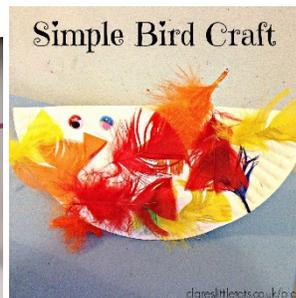
Flannel Boards: Colorful Hens, Five Hoot Owls, Little Bird Are You in the Green Tree?, The Owl and the Kitty Cat, Two Young Birds

Prop Stories: Tacky the Penguin

Movies: Chicken Little

Stamps: Hummingbird

Craft: Make a bird out of craft supplies, any craft supplies! Here are some examples:



Play Literacy: Bird Watching Play Literacy

Early Learning Tip: Sing! Most songs have a different note for each syllable. This helps children break down words so that they can hear the individual sounds in a word.