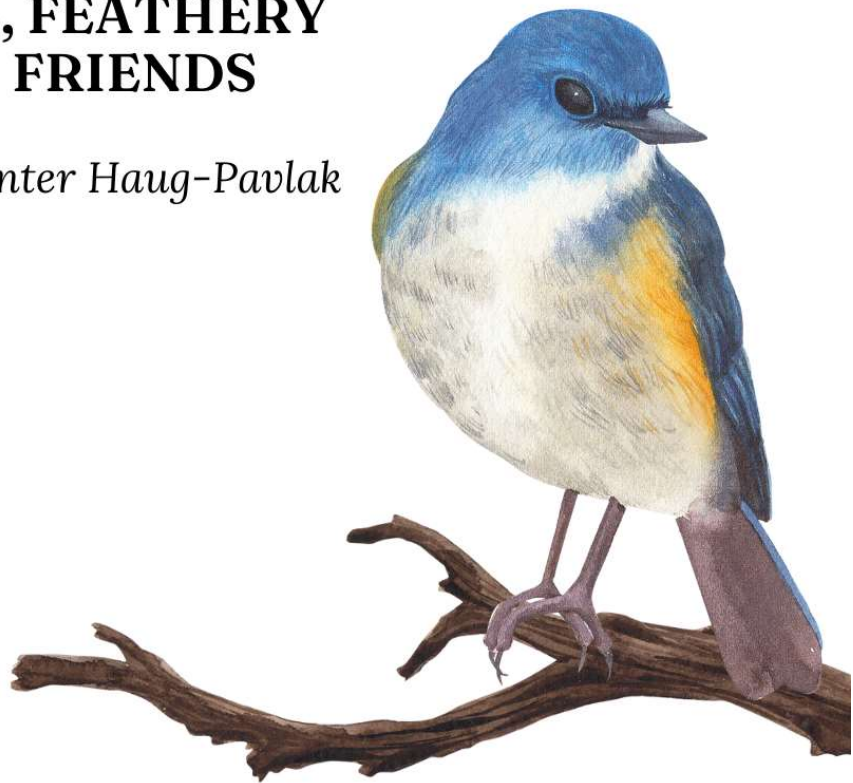


# BIRD UP!

**FACTUAL, FUNCTIONAL, FEATHERY  
FUN FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

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# Description

In this aviator-themed educational game of charades, players go head-to-head and use their knowledge of birds to win Bird Up! Bird Up is for any people who can read and want to learn more about the beautiful birds that live in Northeastern America. The game is played with two competing teams, each consisting of at least two players, and it takes about 15-20 minutes in total.



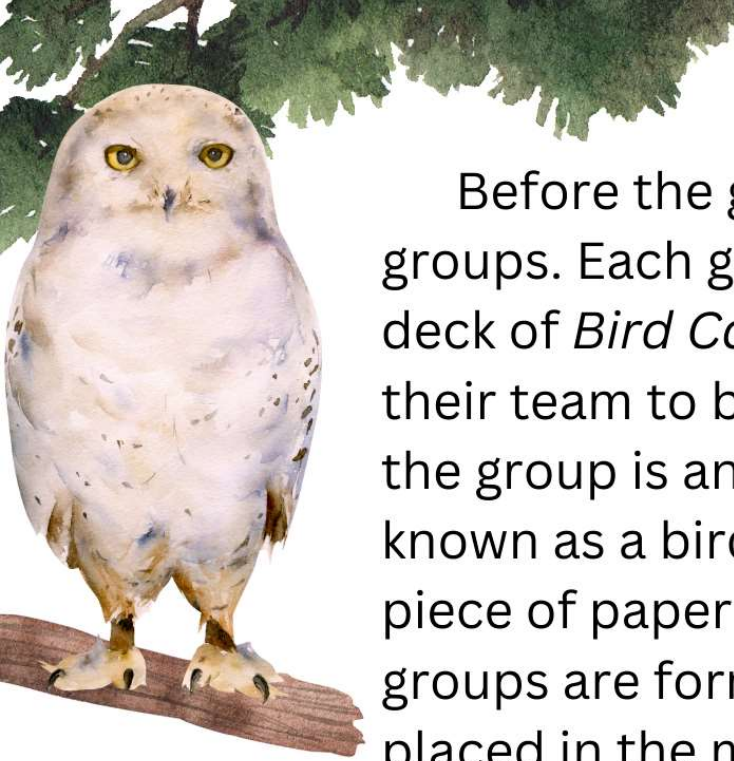
## Materials

The contents of the game include:

- The Rule Book
- Two Northeastern *Bird Card* decks
- Two *Cheep Sheets*
- Two *Player's Aves*

Each *Bird Card* has the name and photo of a Northeastern bird on it. The *Cheep Sheets* contains the names and photos of all 40 birds in the *Bird Decks*, as well as QR codes that link to their bird calls and some fun facts about each species. The *Player's Aves* are player aids that have a breakdown of the game's order.





# Setup

Before the game begins, players form two groups. Each group grabs one *Cheep Sheet*, one deck of *Bird Cards*, and selects one player from their team to be the “Guesser”. Everyone else in the group is an “Ornithologist”, more commonly known as a bird expert! Each team should have a piece of paper to track their points on. After groups are formed, the deck of *Bird Cards* is placed in the middle of the playing space face down, and the game can begin.



# Game Play

To start the game, Guessers will each select one *Bird Card* without looking at it, and hold it to their forehead so their teammates can read it. Using the information on the *Cheep Sheet*, the Ornithologists will earn points for their team by helping the Guesser figure out what bird is on the card; the fewer hints the team has to give the Guesser, the more points they are awarded. If the Guesser is unable to figure out the bird or an Ornithologist says the bird's name by mistake, their team loses points. The first team to reach 20 points wins the game!



# Scoring

There are three Hint Rounds per *Bird Card* selected. In **Hint Round 1**, Ornithologists will play the bird calls using the QR code on the *Cheep Sheet*; if the Guesser is able to figure out the bird from just that sound, the team earns 3 points. If the Guesser cannot identify the correct bird by its call, round two starts.

In **Hint Round 2**, Ornithologists can now share some actual facts about the bird (from the *Cheep Sheet* or their own knowledge) and describe what it looks like; guessing the bird in this round is worth 2 points.

If the Guesser is still unable to guess the bird on the *Bird Card*, **Hint Round 3** begins, in which Ornithologists can give hints that have to do with the name or appearance of the bird; guessing the bird in this round earns you 1 point.

After the Guesser says the correct name of the bird on the card out loud, they may select another *Bird Card*, and you go back to Hint Round 1. If the Guesser is unable to figure out which bird it is, the team can pass (by saying “Pass” out loud) and take a new *Bird Card*. Guessers or Ornithologists can pass during any Hint Round; however, passing will set your team back 2 points. Further, if an Ornithologist says the bird's name (or part of its name), their team loses 3 points.

**If your team reaches 20 points, yell out “BIRD UP,” and you have won the game!** Even if you have the 20 points needed, your team does not win until they say “BIRD UP”.



# Modifications

If you have mastered the original version of BIRD UP!, make it more challenging. Here are some modifications you can make to the game to increase the difficulty level.

## Hint Round Changes

**Hint Round 1:** Imitate the bird's call yourself, using only your mouth or other objects you can find around you.

**Hint Round 2:** Ornithologists can no longer use any of the fun facts that are on the *Cheep Sheet*.

**Hint Round 3:** Ornithologists cannot speak, and can only communicate using hand/body motions, like in charades.



## Time Limits

Add a time limit of 2-3 minutes per Bird Card. If the Guesser fails to guess the bird on their card within the time limit, then it is an automatic pass, your team loses 2 points, and the Guesser selects the next Bird Card.

## Expansion Decks

Make your own expansion *Bird Card* decks based on different geographic locations, like Australian or South American birds! Simply print out cards that have the images of new birds and add them to the original *Bird Card* decks, and make new *Cheep Sheet* pages with the birds' names, photos, fun facts, and QR codes for their calls.



# Players' Ave: Team One

## Game Order

The Guesser selects a *Bird Card* and places it on their head so the rest of the team can see it.

## **Hint Round 1: Bird Calls**

- Ornithologists can play the bird call as many times as they want
- If the Guesser identifies the name of the bird with from the bird call, their team wins 3 points, and the Guesser selects a new *Bird Card*.
- If the Guesser needs more hints, move on to Round 2

## **Hint Round 2: Fun Facts & Appearances**

- Ornithologists each take turns sharing facts of or descriptions about the bird on the *Bird Card*.
  - EX (Blue Jay): "They mate for life"
- If the Guesser guesses the name of the bird in this round, your team wins 2 points, and the Guesser selects a new *Bird Card*.
- If the Guesser needs more hints, move on to Round 3

## **Round 3: Bird Name and Looks**

- Ornithologists can now give hints that allude to the name of the bird, without saying any part of the actual name.
  - EX (Cardinal): "Majestic mohawk", "Wesleyan's mascot"
- If the Guesser guesses the name of the bird in this round, your team wins 1 point, and the Guesser selects a new *Bird Card*.

## Passing & More

- If at any point (during any round), a team decides that they cannot get the Guesser to figure out which bird is on their card, they can pass by saying "pass", and select another *Bird Card*.
  - By passing, your team loses 2 points
- During the game, the Guesser cannot look at the *Bird Card* on their forehead or the *Cheep Sheet*. If they do, this counts as an automatic pass; the Guesser must select a new *Bird Card* and the team loses 2 points.
  - If an Ornithologist says the name of the bird (or any part of the name) on their Guesser's *Bird Card*, their team receives a 4-point deduction.
    - EX (Canadian Goose): "It's from Canada!"

## Winning!

- Once your team reaches 20 points, you must yell the name of the game—BIRD UP! You have now won the game and the other team must stop giving hints.
- If you do not say "BIRD UP", then the other players can keep going and possibly catch up. If they reach 20 points and say BIRD UP before your group does, then they win



# Players' Ave: Team Two

## Game Order

The Guesser selects a *Bird Card* and places it on their head so the rest of the team can see it.

## **Hint Round 1: Bird Calls**

- Ornithologists can play the bird call as many times as they want
- If the Guesser identifies the name of the bird with from the bird call, their team wins 3 points, and the Guesser selects a new *Bird Card*.
- If the Guesser needs more hints, move on to Round 2

## **Hint Round 2: Fun Facts & Appearances**

- Ornithologists each take turns sharing facts of or descriptions about the bird on the *Bird Card*.
  - EX (Blue Jay): "They mate for life"
- If the Guesser guesses the name of the bird in this round, your team wins 2 points, and the Guesser selects a new *Bird Card*.
- If the Guesser needs more hints, move on to Round 3

## **Round 3: Bird Name and Looks**

- Ornithologists can now give hints that allude to the name of the bird, without saying any part of the actual name.
  - EX (Cardinal): "Majestic mohawk", "Wesleyan's mascot"
- If the Guesser guesses the name of the bird in this round, your team wins 1 point, and the Guesser selects a new *Bird Card*.

## Passing & More

- If at any point (during any round), a team decides that they cannot get the Guesser to figure out which bird is on their card, they can pass by saying "pass", and select another *Bird Card*.
  - By passing, your team loses 2 points
- During the game, the Guesser cannot look at the *Bird Card* on their forehead or the *Cheep Sheet*. If they do, this counts as an automatic pass; the Guesser must select a new *Bird Card* and the team loses 2 points.
  - If an Ornithologist says the name of the bird (or any part of the name) on their Guesser's *Bird Card*, their team receives a 4-point deduction.
    - EX (Canadian Goose): "It's from Canada!"

## Winning!

- Once your team reaches 20 points, you must yell the name of the game—BIRD UP! You have now won the game and the other team must stop giving hints.
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