UTOWN@UBC Nature Club

Backyard Birding Log

Make new friends while getting to know your human, plant and animal neighbours!
Where are the best birding spots in your neighbourhood?

**Explore UBC's campus!**

Birds can often be found around feeders, water and plants with flowers, fruits or seeds. Look in courtyards, parks and forested areas.

**Keep a list of your favourite spots:**
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Use this log to record your observations of the birds you see.

When looking at new and unfamiliar birds, pay attention to:

- Sound
- Size
- Shape
- Colour pattern
- Habitat
- Behaviour

Use this guide as a starting point for birding on campus. More information can be found in field guides (make sure the field guide you use is for the area you are birding) or online. A great online resource is the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (allaboutbirds.org). This site has a good collection of bird sounds that can be used to identify the birds you hear.
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