



BOOKLET FOR AGES 5-7

Welcome to Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge!

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge was established on September 12, 1938 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

The refuge contains over 10,000 acres of protected lands and managed wetlands that provide resting, feeding, and nesting habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Montezuma is situated in the middle of one of the most active flight lanes in the Atlantic Flyway.

The activities in this booklet offer you an opportunity to explore the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge. You and your family can learn more about the history of the refuge and about the role of the refuge in preserving the natural resources needed for migratory birds.

Use the informational displays in the Visitor Center, the one-mile long Seneca Trail, and the observation tower. If you find anything in this booklet difficult, please ask someone in the visitor center for assistance.

The Junior Refuge Manager certificate and badge will be earned upon successful completion of the activities in this booklet. When you are done with all of the activities bring the booklet to a Visitor Center Volunteer. The volunteer will discuss the activities with you and then you will be awarded your certificate and badge.

Enjoy your visit to the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge!

Role of Adults: This booklet is a family activity.

Please allow the child to answer the questions in their own words.

After the activities are completed, an adult should review the activity with the child.



NAME _____

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Complete the following activities.

ACTIVITY 1

Label the parts of a bird. Rewrite the words that are listed below on the lines that match the body part on the picture of the bird. Then be very creative and use crayons or colored pencils to create a beautiful bird.

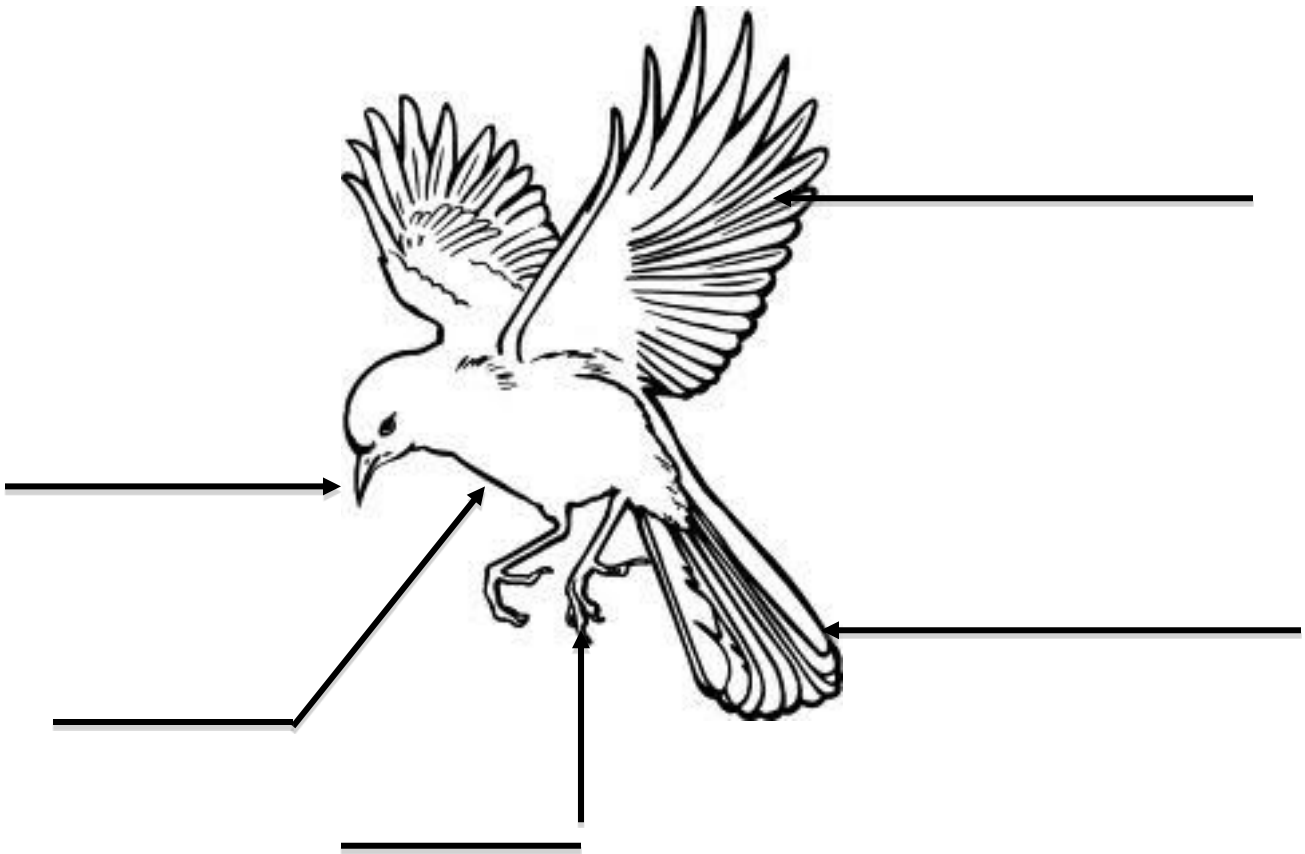
toes

bill

tail

wing

belly

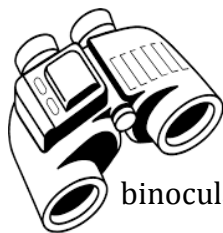


ACTIVITY 2

Circle the picture of the tool that is used to look closely at birds.



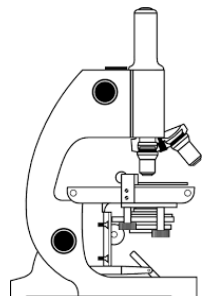
telescope



binoculars



eyeglasses



microscope

ACTIVITY 3

While you are inside the Visitor Center, go to the **TOUCH TABLE** and complete this activity.
DRAW A LINE TO CONNECT THE PICTURE WITH THE NAME OF THE OBJECT.



TREE FUNGUS



DEER ANTLERS



TURTLE SHELL



SNAKE SKIN

BIRD'S NEST



BEAVER TAIL



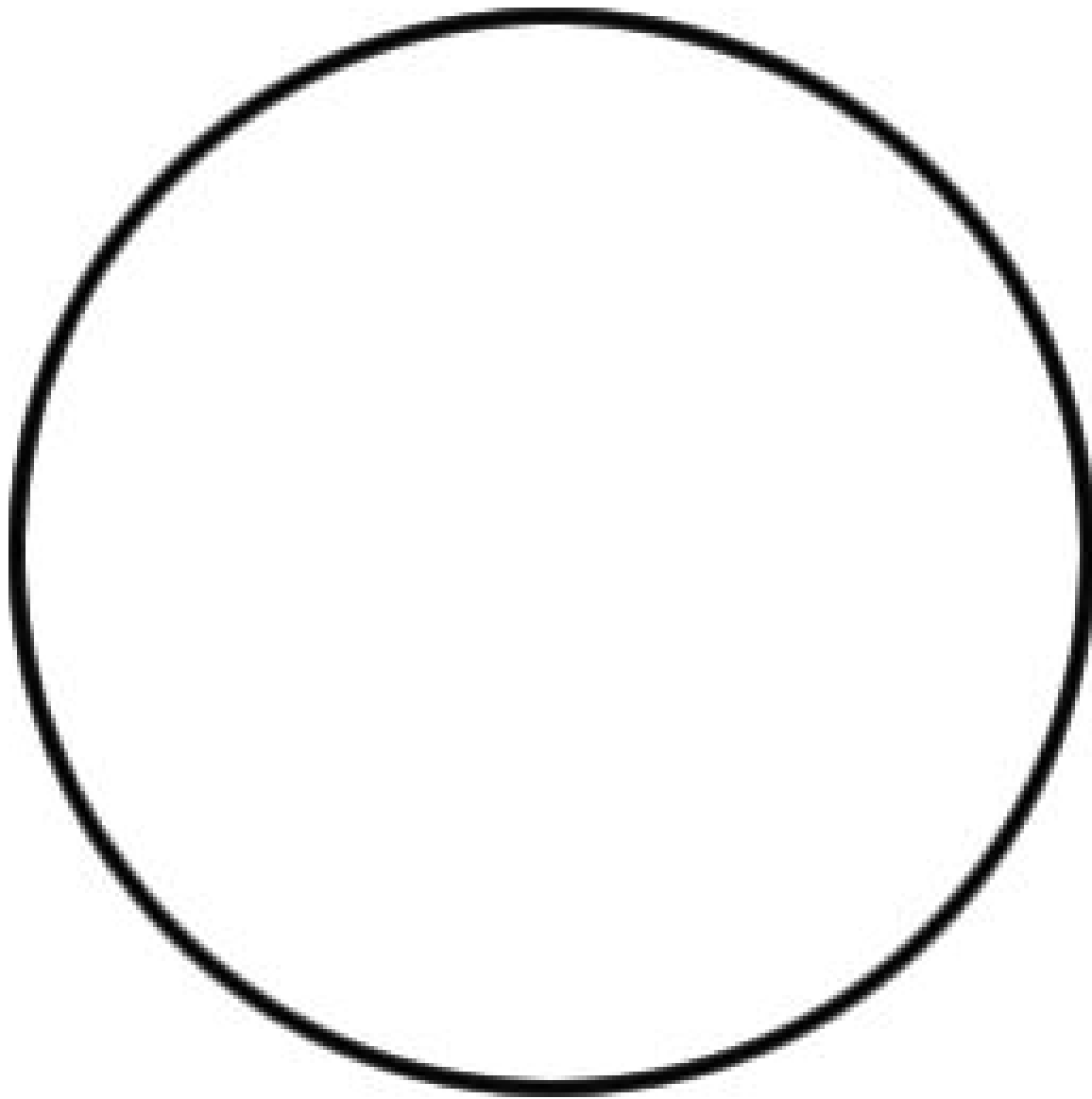
ACTIVITY 4

Look through a birding scope on the visitor center deck to locate a bird in the viewfinder.

Draw or sketch what you see.

What type of bird do you think you are sketching? _____

Compare your drawing to pictures in a bird guidebook to see if you made the correct identification.
(books are located at the visitor center desk)



ACTIVITY 5

As you walk around the Seneca Trail, have an adult take a picture of something that you think is interesting. When you get back to the visitor center, share the picture with a volunteer and explain to them why you decided the objects in your picture were so interesting.

Have the volunteer sign below.

Volunteer, _____, heard the explanation of the picture.

ACTIVITY 6










Take a walk on the Seneca Trail

Play Tic Tac Trail

Put an X over each of the natural wonders that you see as you walk the trail.

Use your observational skills!

(Get three in a row – diagonally, vertically, or horizontally, or as many as you can)

 Dragonfly	 Bird's nest	 Turtle
 Woodpecker hole	 Goose	 Fish
 Red -winged blackbird	 Heron	 Beaver cut tree



CERTIFICATE OF ACHEIVEMENT Awarded to

For successfully completing the requirements to become a

JUNIOR REFUGE MANAGER



Volunteer signature

Date