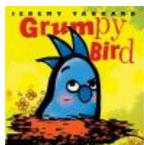


## Storytime about Birds for the One Book 4 Colorado Giveaway Period

Talk about birds. You might ask some of these questions in your storytime:  
What do birds do? What sounds do they make? Where do you see them?

*Early Literacy Tip for Parents:* Parents and caregivers are a child's best teachers. Spending time with your child doing some simple things – Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing and Playing – will give your child the best foundation for reading.



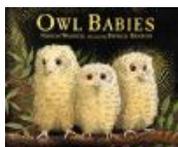
**Grumpy Bird** by Jeremy Tankard

*Early Literacy Tip:* Grumpy Bird is a fun book! Having fun with books is one of the best ways to develop young readers. When children learn that books are fun, they develop a love of reading. A love of reading is a strong foundation for learning.

If You're A Bird And You Know It (sing to If You're Happy And You Know It)

If you're a bird and you know it flap your wings,  
If you're a bird and you know it flap your wings,  
If you're a bird and you know it and you really want to show it,  
If you're a bird and you know it flap your wings.

If you're a bird and you know it say tweet, tweet,  
If you're a bird and you know it say tweet, tweet,  
If you're a bird and you know it and you really want to show it,  
If you're a bird and you know it say tweet, tweet.



**Owl Babies** by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson

Two Little Blackbirds

(You can use the stick puppets to the right, or do this as a fingerplay.)  
Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill, (Put up your pointer fingers and wiggle them.)  
One named Jack and one named Jill, (Lift up one finger higher, then the other.)  
Fly away Jack. Fly away Jill. ("Fly" your fingers one at a time behind your back.)  
Come back Jack. Come back Jill. ("Fly" your fingers one at a time back in front of you.)



Fingerplay: Once I Saw A Little Bird

Once I saw a little bird go hop, hop, hop! (hop)  
And I said, "Little bird, won't you stop, stop, stop?" (stop signal with hands)

I went to the window, to say, "How do you do?" (wave Hi)  
But he shook his little tail, and away he flew! (shake your "tail", then flap your arms)

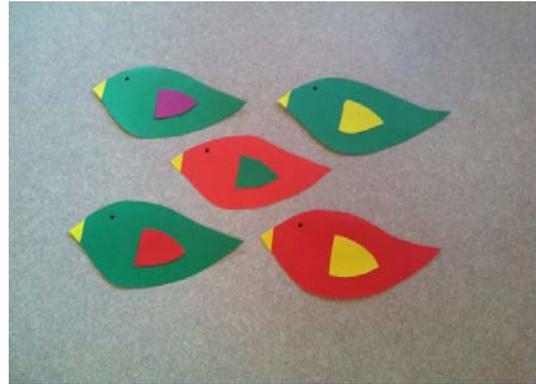
*Early Literacy Tip:* Traditional nursery rhymes like "Two Little Blackbirds" and "Once I Saw A Little Bird" teach children the rhythm and rhyme of language while also teaching them new vocabulary. A study showed that children who start kindergarten knowing eight or more nursery rhymes do better all through their years of school.



**Bird Songs** by Betsy Franco and Steve Jenkins

### Feathered Birds

Five feathered birds sitting on the door;  
One flew away and then there were four.  
Four feathered birds singing in the tree,  
One flew away and then there were three.  
Three feathered birds looking at you,  
One flew away and then there were two.  
Two feathered birds sitting in the sun,  
One flew away and then there was one.  
One feathered bird looking like a hero,  
He flew away and now there are zero!



### Bird Calls Activity

From a computer or smartboard, log onto a bird call site like enature.com at <http://www.enature.com/fieldguides/intermediate.asp?curGroupID=1>.

Choose a few birds such as the Great Horned Owl, the Mallard, the Tree Swallow, the Song Sparrow. Look at the photos, listen to their calls, and then try to mimic their calls.

**Or,**

Use the app "Animal Sounds" by Kookie Kraft

*Early Literacy Tip:* Listening is a skill that needs to be practiced and learned. Listening to sounds in nature or music can help a child develop listening skills.

Music: "Rockin' Robin" from **The Bingo Kids Sing Motown Hits for Kids**

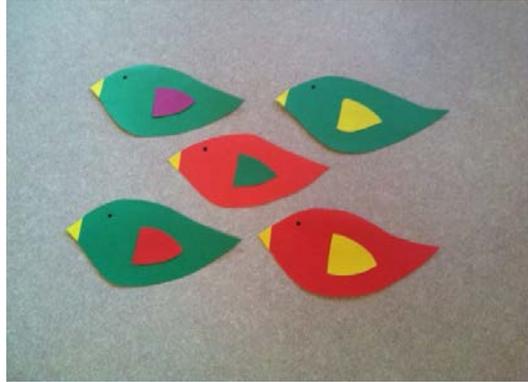
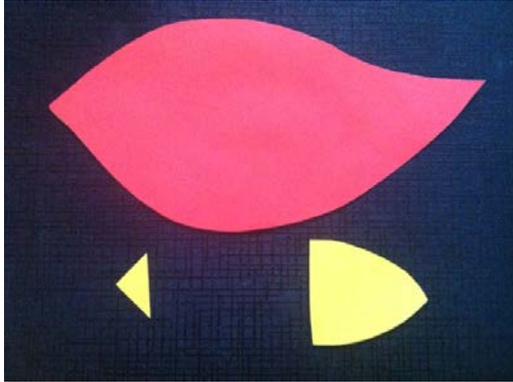
### **Apps**

"Animal Sounds" by Kookie Kraft

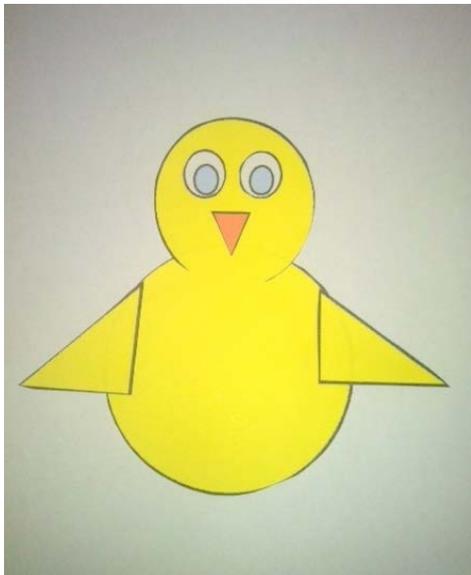
"Birds Puzzle" by romeLab

### **Craft Ideas**

Precut template shapes. Then have children glue them together to make birds.



The original template comes from <http://taeliac.deviantart.com/art/Simple-Pattern-Blue-Bird-262046775>



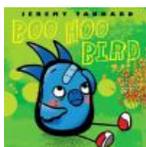
This bird paper craft can be found on DLTK's Crafts for Kids at: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mechick.html>

The website coloring.ws from DLTK also has some bird coloring pages. Here are a few examples:

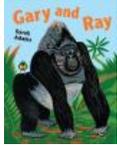
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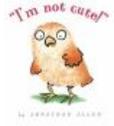
### Other Books About Birds:



**Boo Hoo Bird** by Jeremy Tankard



**Gary and Ray** by Sarah Adams



**I'm Not Cute!** by Jonathan Allen



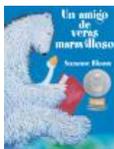
**Baby Bird's First Nest** by Frank Asch



**Forever Friends** by Carin Berger



**A Splendid Friend, Indeed** by Suzanne Bloom



**Un Amigo de Veras Maravilloso** by Suzanne Bloom



**Let's Go, Hugo!** by Angela Dominguez



**Purple Little Bird** by Greg Foley



**Little Robin Redbreast** by Shari Halpern



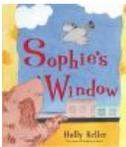
**Birds** by Kevin Henkes



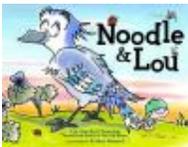
**A Mother for Choco** by Keiko Kasza



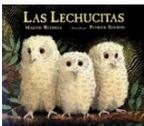
**Choco encuentra una mama** by Keiko Kasza



**Sophie's Window** by Holly Keller



**Noodle & Lou** by Liz Garton Scanlon and Arthur Howard



**Las lechucitas** by Martin Wadell

