



To Be a Bird Guided Viewing and Assessment

Grade Three: Life Sciences

Benchmark B:

Diversity and Interdependence of Life

3. Classify animals according to their characteristics (e.g., body coverings and body structure).

Procedure: Distribute the pre and post-viewing guide on the following page to provide focused viewing for students while watching the *You at the Zoo* video *To Be a Bird*. The completed viewing guide may also be used as a learning assessment tool. An answer key is included below.

Before viewing the *You at the Zoo* video *To be a Bird*, instruct students to read and respond to the “What I Already Know” Column of the *To Be a Bird* Viewing Guide. Let students know it’s okay if they do not know all of the answers. Play the *To Be a Bird* video and instruct students to now fill out the “What I Learned” column. After playing the video, use the guide to facilitate a post-viewing discussion with students.

***To Be a Bird* Guided Viewing Key**

1. Feathers, birds lay eggs
2. Hollow bones
3. How it eats and survives
4. Curved
5. They lay eggs
6. A Black Footed Penguin
7. To swim
8. Hunting.
9. 2 ½ feet
10. To keep them silent during flight

To Be a Bird Viewing Guide

Directions: Before viewing the *You at the Zoo* video *To Be a Bird* read and respond to the “What I Already Know” Column of the *To be a Bird* Viewing Guide. It’s okay if you don’t know all of the answers! This will help you see how much you have learned after watching the video. While watching the video, answer the questions by filling out the “What I Learned” column.

	What I Already Know	What I Learned
1. Name at least one unique characteristic that makes a bird a bird.		
2. What kind of bones do most birds have?		
3. What can the shape of a bird’s beak tell you about that bird?		
4. How are predatory bird beaks shaped?		
5. What does the American Alligator have in common with a bird?		
6. What kind of bird is Charlie?		
7. What does the Penguin use its wings for?		
8. What are spectacled owls really good at?		
9. How big is the spectacled owl’s wingspan?		
10. Why do owls have softened edges on their feathers?		

