Build THE Change

Build for Birds Resource Pack

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Build for Birds Online Workshop Replay (one hour)

Birds are facing environmental challenges and habitat loss. Our Build for Birds online workshop features quizzes and facts to inspire 7-14-year-old students to care about bird conservation and use their creativity to design safer spaces for our feathered friends to rest, feed and shelter in. With guest expert Lara Nouri on location at the WWT London Wetlands Centre!



PLEASE NOTE: The competition has now ended.











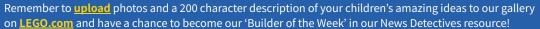
Build for Birds Top Tips Video (3 mins)

Here are some top tips on how to design a safe space for birds from our expert Lara Nouri!

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Build for Birds Activity Sheet from The Day and the LEGO Group

Let your creativity fly high and design a solution to make our community a safer space for birds!

WHAT TO DO:

We are challenging **YOU** (all 7-14-year-olds) to reimagine your school, garden, or local green space, and make it into a safer home for our feathered friends to rest, feed, and shelter in.

STEP 1: Look around in your school grounds or local green space, and notice the different birds that you can see.

STEP 2: Use play to come up with new ways you could make this space safer for those birds to rest, feed, and shelter in (use the preparation worksheet on page 3 to help!).

STEP 3: Build the Change! Decide how you want to change and improve this space. Design your solutions on paper first (make sure you label your design to show us what it is and why you've designed it this way), then create a 3D model out of LEGO® bricks or anything else you can find like recycled materials, leftover craft supplies or nature bits collected from outside.

STEP 4: Take a photo of your drawing and 3D design and (if you want to) write a short description of your building's features (maximum 200 characters).

STEP 5: **Upload** photos and a 200 character description of your children's amazing ideas to our gallery on **LEGO.com** for the whole world to see and have a chance to become our 'Builder of the Week' in our News Detectives resource!

NEED INSPIRATION?

Be inspired by our competition winners Harrison and Emilie

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HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL

We want you to help bird biodiversity by designing a safe space where birds can rest, feed, shelter and thrive.

- 1. Build for your local birds. Spend some time noticing which birds share your green space. Find out about them. What types of habitats do they prefer? What do they like to eat? What dangers or challenges do they face? Are there any bird species you'd like to attract? Use this information to design features that really help your local birds survive and thrive.
- 2. Make something that works for people and birds.

Think about how these features will work in your chosen space. Can you create something that works for the birds and the people that share this space? If you are designing for your school, what do pupils and birds need from an outdoor space and can you make them both work together?

3. Create something that is good for the planet.

Birds play an important role in the ecosystem. By helping birds you are helping lots of other wildlife too. Building for birds means helping biodiversity and the ecosystem. Could you help the planet in other ways too? For example could you use sustainable or recycled materials? Could you make a design that could protect wildlife from extreme weather like storms, droughts or floods?

BIRD EXPERT LARA'S TOP TIPS Birds need 3 things to thrive

- 1. Shelter
- 2. Food and water
- 3. Habitat to breed in

Here are some ways you could build for birds:

- A. Let the plants grow wild. This will create a habitat for birds and attract bugs for food
- B. Put up bird boxes for birds to rest, shelter and nest in
- C. Feed the birds with seed feeders or bird tables
- D. Put out water for birds to drink. Ponds also attract amphibians which birds eat
- E. Birds love eating insects so building a bug hotel is great idea















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Reimagine your school, garden, or local green space, and make it into a safer home for our feathered friends

Make a list of the birds you are designing for here along with any useful information you've found about them.

Use this space to draw and label your design.

Plan your design by answering these questions.

WHERE is your shelter located? How does this design work for birds and people?

HOW does it work for the birds in your local area? Remember all birds need different things from their habitat. How does your design help your local birds?

How does it help the planet? Does it support the ecosystem or have any sustainable features? What would you make it with?

Practice drawing your design here.

Label the features. How will it provide a space for birds to rest, feed and shelter?