



Bird watching

Can you use binoculars? Adjust the lenses for your eyes. Try to focus on distant and close objects.

Below you can see a list of common birds you might spot in Arboretum. Can you see all of them? You can also ask your teachers and guides to help you.

- Chaffinch (peippo)
- Blackbird (mustarastas)
- Fieldfare (räkättirastas)
- Barn swallow (haarapääsky)
- Great tit (talitiainen)
- Common gull (kalalokki)
- Great spotted woodpecker (käpytikka)

Many birds can be identified by their songs and sounds. The song is often the easiest way to spot a bird. How many different songs can you hear?

All birds do not live in the same habitat. Look at the following habitats and think what kind of birds you can see:

- Open water
- Wetlands
- Meadow
- Conifer forest
- Grove
- Bushes

What kind of birds live in wetlands? What do they eat?
What kind of birds live in forests? How do they differ from the birds living in wetlands?



Nature trail – Viikki Arboretum

Follow the map and find the spots. Do the tasks, answer questions and take pictures at every spot!

A. Start –Meeting point

1. How many different species of coniferous trees you can see around? How they differ from each other?
Take a photo of a pine.
2. Why is there a huge rock in the forest? What is it called? Take a photo of a rock.
3. A widespread plant called hairy wood-rush (kevätpiippo) starts flowering in spring. Can you find it? Take a photo when you find it.
4. Look around. You can see a lot of deadwood standing in the forest. Why is it important for the forest ecosystem? Take a photo of deadwood.

B. Turning point – Listen to the sounds around you.

List your observation and take a photo.

5. Look around. How many birdhouses you can find?
Take a photo of a birdhouse.
6. Find an early spring flowering shrub called Forsythia (onnenpensas) with pretty yellow flowers. Take a photo of the shrub.



7. Pick a common nettle (nokkonen). It is still young and should not sting you yet. Take a photo of it.
 8. Find a Larch (lehtikuusi). How does it differ from other conifers? Take a photo.
- C. Turning point – Listen to the sounds around you again. List your observations and take a photo.**
9. Find a common wood sorrel (käenkaali eli ketunleipä). How do you recognize it? What does it taste like? Take a photo.
 10. Bird watching place. That kind of birds you could spot from this place? Take a photo of a bird.
 11. Look around. You can see new upright shoots of Lily-of-the-valley (kielon versoja) rising from the ground. Describe how the plant will look when grown up and flowering. Remember that lilies are poisonous! Take a photo.
 12. There is a shrub called red elderberry (terttuselja) growing close to you. Even though it doesn't have any berries yet it can be recognized from the strong odor of leaves, when crushed a bit. Can you find it? How is the smell? Take a photo of the shrub.



Flowering plants

You can see the first flowers as early as in April! How many different flowers can you spot in Arboretum? Take a picture from each of them. Try to find as many as possible with your team!

Some flowers you might find:

- Wood anemone (valkovuokko)
- Hepatica (sinivuokko)
- Coltsfoot (leskenlehti)
- Willows (pajut)
- Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem (käenrieska)
- Alpine Penny-cress (kevättaskuruoho)
- Forsythias (onnenpensas)
- Hairy wood-rush (kevätpiippo)