

Summerfield Trail

Fly Away

TRAIL NOTES: The trail starts at the playground at the corner of Mississippi Lane and Sawyer Rd. There is parking for several cars at the Summerfield pool parking lot. Please note the lot is full during swim meets.

Take the path on Mississippi Lane that goes behind the houses. Continue along the trail to Finn Drive. Turn left onto Finn Drive and walk back to Sawyer Rd.. Turn left onto Sawyer Rd. and return to the playground.

SUPPLIES TO BRING:

Quest Instructions and LogBook
Pencil or crayon
Water and a snack
Sunscreen and Bug spray

PART I

On this quest, you will identify birds found in Maryland and answer questions. In order to receive credit for this quest you must:

1. Answer quest questions
2. Make a rubbing of the Lake Quest answer in your log book
3. Email any photos to friendsoflakelinganore@gmail.com

*Please leave no trace on your hike. Any trash you make, please take home with you and only take pictures of things you may find interesting. Thanks and Happy Questing!

1. Park at the Summerfield Pool. Head toward the playground at the corner of Sawyer Rd. and Mississippi Lane to begin this quest. Walk along the trail that goes behind Mississippi Lane. While walking along the trail look to see if you find any birds.

Can you imagine moving to a different house for every summer and winter? Some birds do. They are called **migratory birds**. Why would they leave their cozy nests and fly thousands of miles away? To follow their food source! In the fall, insects die or hibernate, so bug-eating birds must move south. Most birds of prey move south too since small rodents are hunkering down for the winter. In the spring, birds move from their wintering grounds to their summer grounds for the breeding season because they need to find a place to raise their young. There is too much competition for living space in their winter grounds.

What birds travel north and south during different seasons? ole

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2. Continue along the trail and turn left when you reach Finn Drive. Turn left when you reach Sawyer Rd. and return to the playground.

Boreal swamps in western Maryland can support species such as Baltimore oriole, alder and willow flycatchers, black-billed cuckoo, and golden-winged warbler. Look for Baltimore Orioles high in leafy deciduous trees, but not in deep forests: they're found in open woodland, forest edge, orchards, and stands of trees along rivers, in parks, and in backyards.

What swamps in western Maryland can support species such as the Baltimore oriole?

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Unscramble the boxed letters from your answers above to complete the following question. Write the answer to this question in your log book.

The state bird of Maryland is the

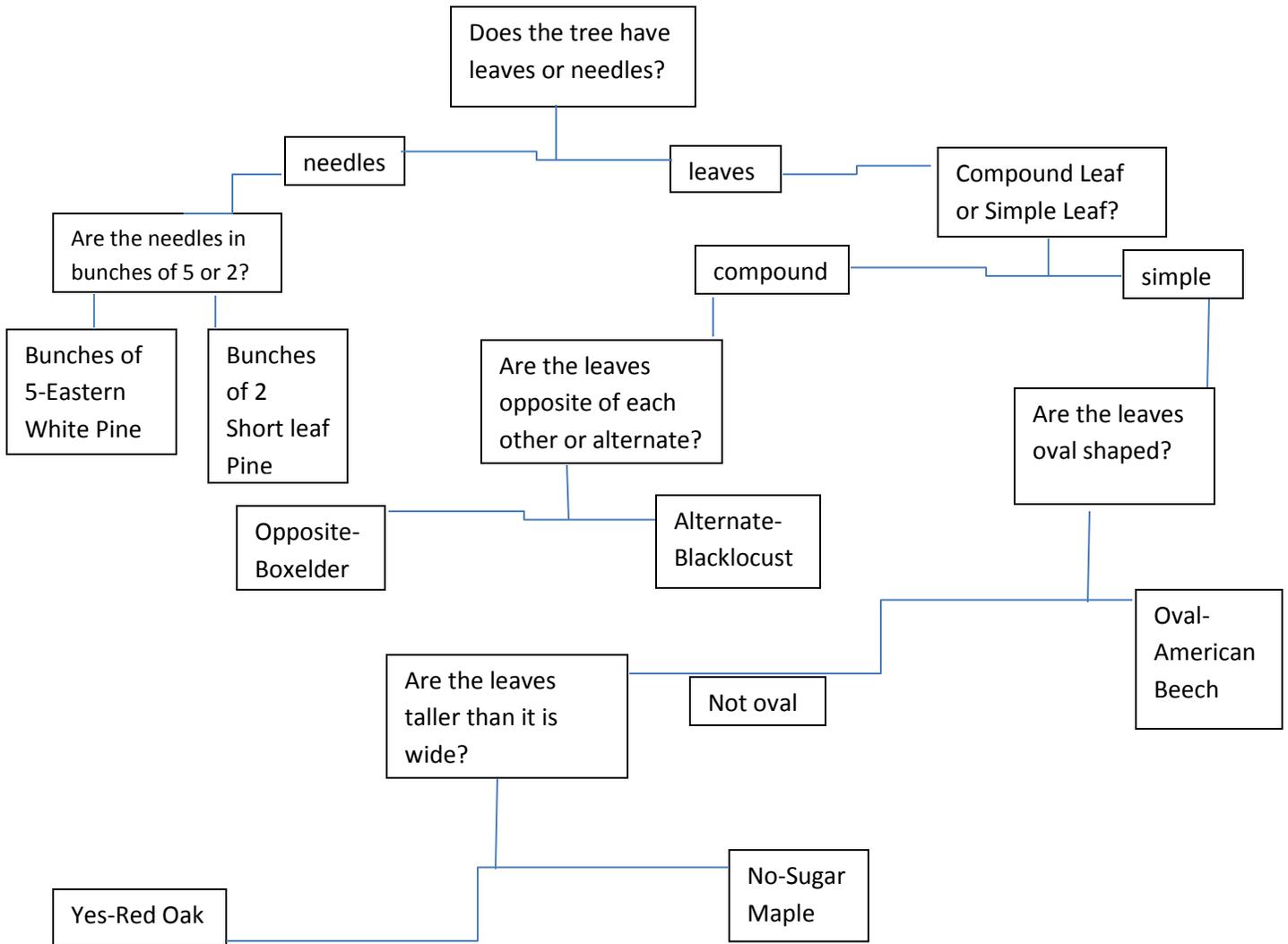
Now that you know the state bird of Maryland, find the map of the United States on the playground equipment. Identify the state of Maryland on the map and make a rubbing of the "M" in your logbook. Enjoy the playground before heading home.

References

Cornell Lab of Ornithology "All About Birds." www.allaboutbirds.org

Maryland Department of Natural Resources <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Pages/BayGame.aspx>

Tree Identification Chart



Compound leaf-a leaf consisting of two or more leaflets borne on the same leafstalk.
 Simple leaf- a leaf that is not divided into parts.
 Opposite leaf arrangement-two leaves arise from the stem at the same level on opposite sides of the stem.
 Alternate leaf arrangement-leaves emerge from the stem one at a time often making the leaves appear to alternate on the stem.