

Make A Songbird Mobile



There are over 5000 species of songbirds, which belong to the order *Passeriformes*. They are known for diverse and elaborate songs, used for attracting mates and holding territory. Make a songbird mobile and discover these amazing birds!

Materials Needed:

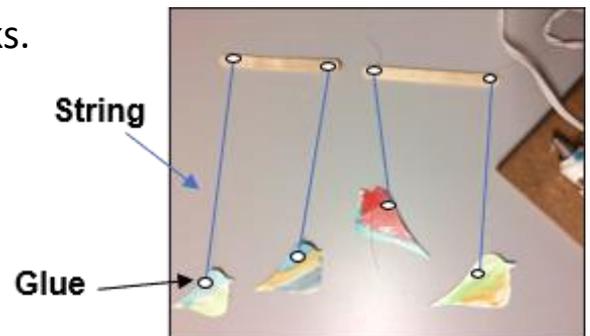
Songbird Template printable (or draw your own), paint or crayons/markers, popsicle sticks (or twigs or small dowels), string or yarn, scissors, glue.

Instructions:

Step 1: Cut out four songbird templates. Paint or color each one on both sides. Make them look realistic, or use your imagination!

Step 2: Take four pieces of string and two sticks. Glue each string to the end of a stick, and the other end to a bird (see picture).

Alternative method: Make a small hole at the top of each bird. Tie a string through the hole, and tie the other end around a stick.



Step 3: Glue or tie the sticks together in an X shape.

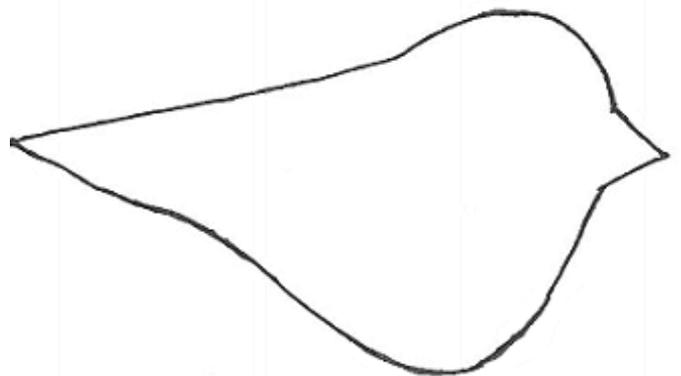
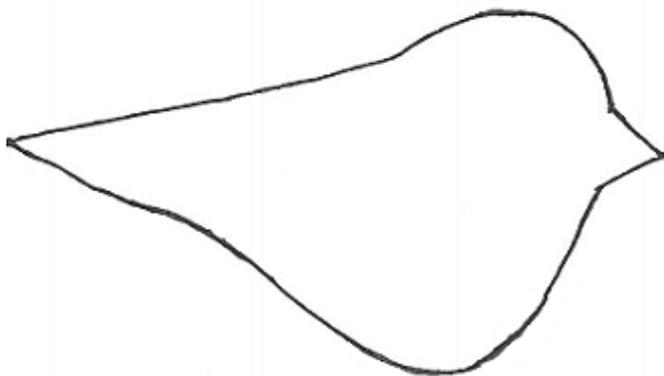
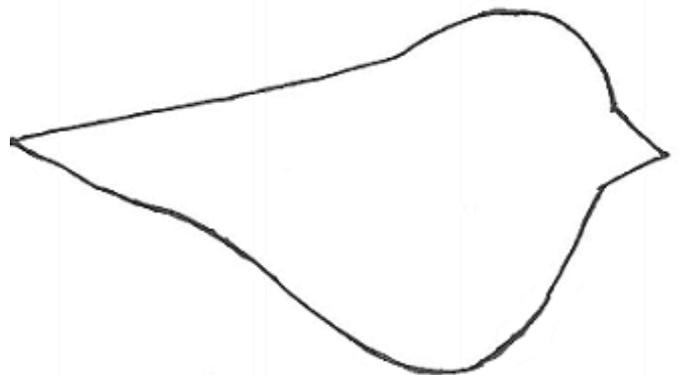
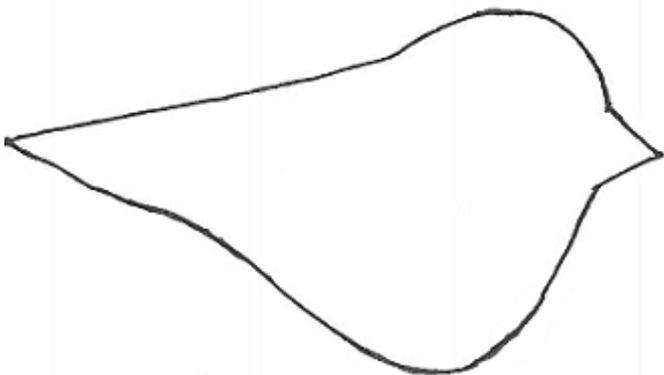
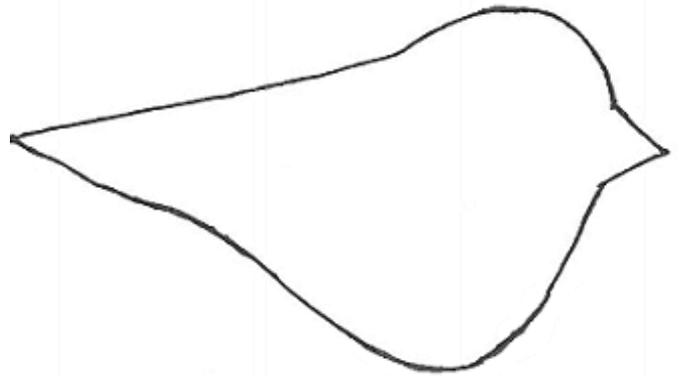
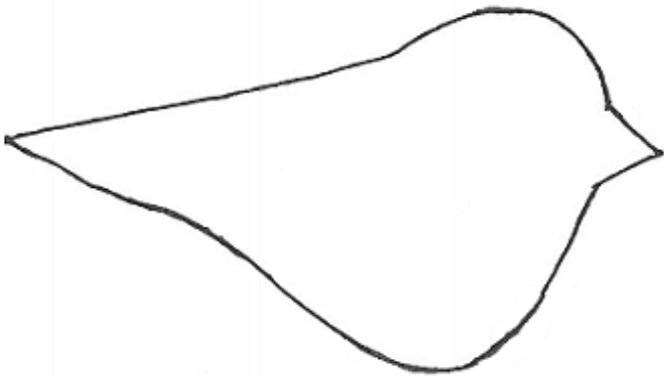
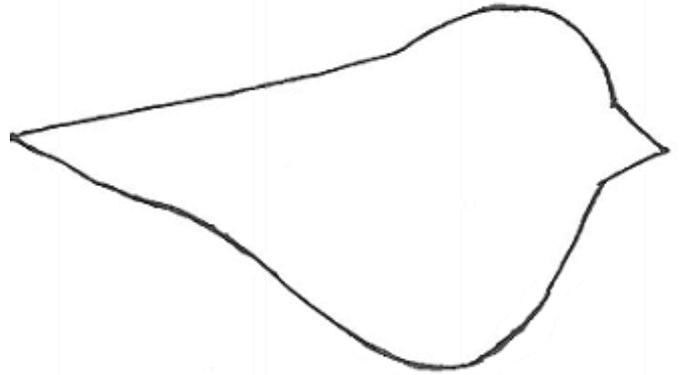
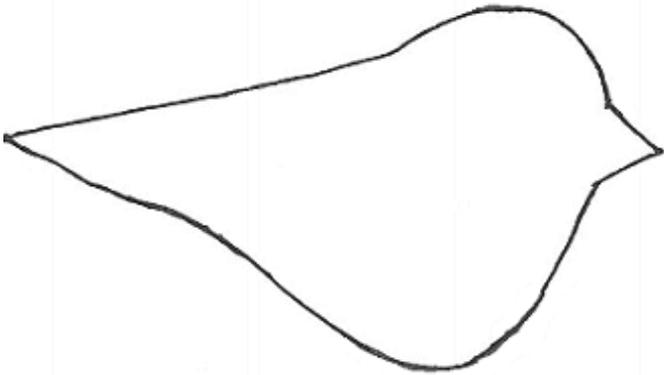
Step 4: Tie a string around the center of the sticks. Tie a knot on the other end, and hang up your mobile!



Learn more about songbirds and listen to their songs at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website:

www.allaboutbirds.org

Songbird Printable Templates



Alaska Songbirds

There are over 5000 species of songbirds, which belong to the order *Passeriformes*. They live all over the world. Songbirds are known for diverse and elaborate songs, which they use for attracting mates and holding territory. Many songbirds migrate to Alaska each summer to breed, feed on abundant insects and plants, and raise their chicks. Learn more about some of Alaska's songbirds below!



White Crowned Sparrow
Zonotrichia leucophrys

You can find me around patches of grass. I like to nest and feed close to the ground.



Ruby Crowned Kinglet
Regulus calendula

We like to live in mature forests. I sing loudly to establish my territory.



Varied Thrush
Ixoreus naevius

You can see me in the morning and evening, singing a 2 second "whistle-hum" sound!



Tree Swallow
Tachycineta bicolor

I like to nest in tree cavities and nest boxes. I sing with high-pitched sounds of chirps, whines, and gurgles.



Yellow Warbler
Setophaga petechia

You can find me along streams and wetlands. I sing in a series of accelerating whistles.



Hammond's Flycatcher
Empidonax hammondii

I might be small, but I get in fierce battles with other males in mid-air.

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