

**Backyard Bird Evidence-Explore Outdoors** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Just like the special Red-cockaded Woodpecker, all birds have unique and special adaptations that help them survive. No matter where you live, birds are easy to find, and they do interesting things. Observing birds is a great way to study nature.

***Do you want to get to know a few birds in your neighborhood?***

Go outside and find a place to sit quietly and start looking in the trees and on the ground for birds. Use your eyes and ears together to see what the birds look like and what they are doing. Sketch what you see and write notes about what the birds are doing.

***Birds know just how to build a perfect nest and what materials to use!***

Red-cockaded woodpeckers nest inside tree cavities that they excavate or dig out. See if you can see any evidence of nesting in your neighborhood. Go outside and look carefully and you might spy a nest in a bush, in a tree hole or under your porch. Some birds use bark, leaves and twigs to build a nest, others use mud, grasses and hair to make their nest. Draw/sketch the nesting evidence that you find.

