



Teachable Moments

3rd Grade

Duration

10-15 minutes

Location

Bird Hall

Standards

CCSS ELA

SL.1.b.d

SL.2

W.2

W.3

W.4

CA State

Life Science 3b

Listening and Speaking
1.2

Measurement and
Geometry 1.2

Social Studies 3.4-3

The Ralph W. Schreiber Hall of Birds

In the Schreiber Hall of Birds students will be immersed in habitats while exploring a bounty of bird biology. From flight mechanics to anatomy and behavior, your students will walk away ornithologists in the making!

Learn more at: www.nhm.org/explore-exhibits/permanent-exhibits/birds

Science

- Let students explore the Marsh and Rainforest areas of the Bird Hall. Optional, have them journal a discovery from each location.
- Have students compare and contrast the two environments. Some example prompts might be: What noises do you hear in each habitat? What differences do you see between the plants and animals living in each habitat?

Language Arts

- Allow the students to explore the Bird Hall, and choose a place for students to gather.
- Lead a discussion about personal connections to birds. Some example prompts might include: Where have you seen birds? Have you ever eaten one? Do you use anything that come from birds? (eggs, down pillows, blankets, jackets, feather dusters, etc. – see an exhibit about this to the left of the hall as you enter the Rainforest) Do you have any memories that include birds?

Math

- Gather students in front of the display titled, “Nests and Eggs” and have students estimate the number of eggs that might fit in each nest.

Social Studies

- Direct students to find the bald eagle (near the condors) and discuss its role as a symbol for the United States.