

Challenge yourself to the BIRDS OF PARADISE Scavenger Hunt to learn more about Valparaiso and its feathered friends!

Birds of Paradise was created to promote engagement, culture and activity while highlighting public art and local artists. The hunt includes ten bird sculptures representing native species, hidden in key locations throughout the downtown. Local artists include Chad Copeland, sculptor, and Melissa Washburn, illustrator.

Bird #1: Sandhill crane

FOUND AT: _

You will find this social bird in one of Valparaiso's outdoor gathering spaces where kids and adults alike can interact, move around, and make some noise. This spot is also a great place to sit and read, created as a community collaboration and a celebration of learning.

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FOUND AT:
Bird #2: Chickadee
Valparaiso's downtown has inviting green spaces, unique shops, tasty restaurants, and welcoming people. Stroll down a street named after a neighboring state and press the button to cross Lincolnway. Listen for a sound similar to this beloved bird, perched overhead.
FOUND AT:
Bird #3: Red-bellied woodpecker
Porter County's history is on display nearby where you can view photos and memorabilia that tell our story. If old trees could talk, they could tell some interesting stories, too. Here you will spot an imPECKable, feathered friend.
FOUND AT:
Bird #4: Blue jay
Flutter about the grounds of our county seat to find this often-noisy bird in flight. You might spot its brilliant plumes, as they match colors you'll find in the nearby American flag.
FOUND AT:
Bird #5: Barred Owl
Head over to the block south of the downtown square and use your keen eyesight to spot this wise-looking bird. He's having a hoot asking patio visitors and passersby "who cooks for you?"

FOUND AT:
Bird #7: Great blue heron
Stand for a selfie next to this statuesque specimen you'll find posing near the small sculpture garden featured in the alleyway near our downtown pavilion.
FOUND AT:
Bird #8: Goldfinch
One of Valparaiso's most POPular celebrities graces a special seat downtown. Take a rest and then look up to locate these butter-colored chirpers.
FOUND AT:
Bird #9: Northern cardinal
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At the intersection where Valparaiso's main street meets a beloved brick street, you'll find our former post office. Today, this building is where you'll find our mayor and other city officials conducting their business. Sharp eyes will also spot Indiana's brightly colored state bird.
FOUND AT:
Bird #10: Wood duck
A female duck lines her nest with leaves and grasses, her dull colors blending in, unlike her brightly-colored mate Waddle down the street named after our nation's first president to sight a paddling pair among the plantings.
FOUND AT:
Find all ten birds and visit the Valparaiso Branch of the Porter County Public Library System

Fly to the Valparaiso landmark where hundreds of open-air performances are staged year 'round. You may need

eyes like this bird's to spot it high around back, showcasing its impressive wingspan.

(103 Jefferson Street) to claim your special prize!

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Learn more at tinyurl.com/ValpoBirds



Bird #6: Red-tailed hawk



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