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CLOSE OBSERVATION ACTIVITY

Exhibit Connection: [Beneath a Wild Sky: Stories of America's Lost Birds](#)

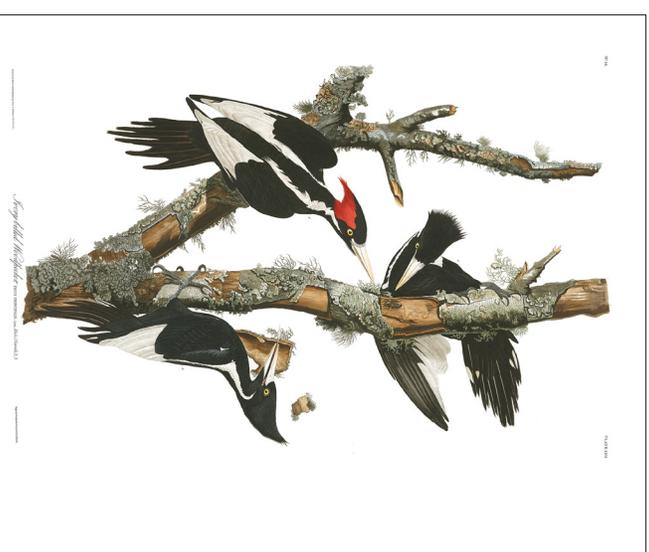
Be a scientist: Closely observe these three images of the now-extinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Circle or list three things that are the same and three things that are different in each image.



Mark Catesby - 1730 - The Natural History of Florida, Carolina and The Bahamas



Alexander Wilson - 1810 - American Ornithology



John James Audubon - 1830 - The Birds of America

Same

1. Bright red crown of the woodpecker

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Different

1. Three different species in Alexander Wilson's image

2. _____

3. _____

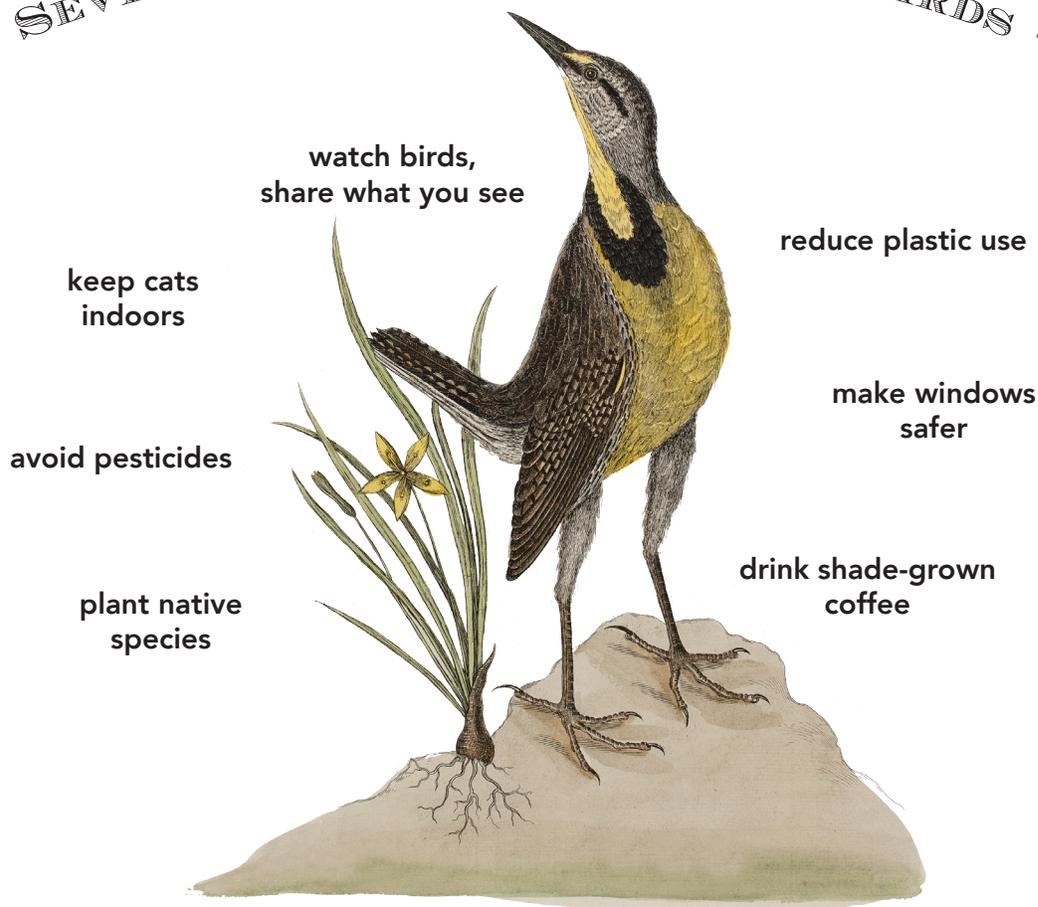
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What Did We Learn?

- ✓ All three artists drew the same bird during their lifetimes.
- ✓ These scientific illustrators included special details in their art that helped provide clues (evidence) as to what these birds ate, how they perched on a tree, and even some idea of how they moved.
- ✓ The Ivory-billed Woodpecker is now extinct, but we can help keep other birds from going extinct by taking some simple but effective actions recommended by Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

SEVEN SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP BIRDS



More Activities

Tell a story about what the birds in each image are doing and why.

Be a naturalist: Go outside with an adult, explore, and draw the birds you see.