

HOMEWORK GUIDE: DOUBLE CUSTOM BIRD HOUSE

NAME: _____

1 CHOOSING YOUR INSPIRATION BUILDING

Take a walk around your neighbourhood or community/town/city. Observe the different buildings and structures where people live, and choose one that you feel inspired to make a birdhouse model of. Take pictures of your building from several different angles so you can copy the dimensions and scale it down to birdhouse size. Write a short paragraph describing why you chose the building you did in the space below:

2 CHOOSING YOUR BIRD SPECIES

List of bird species that use bird houses or nesting boxes:

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Research bird species living in your neighbourhood by finding an expert to interview: ask around to find out who are the local birders, biologists, First Nations and other elders, science teachers – anyone who might have observational knowledge of local bird populations. Contact one (or more) of these people to discuss the local bird populations, and ask them if they have any suggestions about what type of bird they think you could choose to build your house for. Some sample questions to initiate conversation could be:

- 1) "Are there any bird populations that you notice have been struggling or on the decline?"
- 2) "Which birds are endemic, and which have been introduced?"
- 3) "Do you think there is a specific species of bird that could benefit from having an extra house to nest in?"

Write a paragraph detailing which type of bird you have chosen to build a house for and why. Justify your choice with a minimum of two reasons, and include at least one quote from your interview.
