621 Ohio Birds
Interview Questions

Use two or three of these or similar standard questions as part of the interview judging process.

1. How many different birds are there in Ohio? Can you name 5?
   *There are more than 150 different birds commonly observed in Ohio.* (page 11)

2. How are birds helpful to us?
   *They destroy insects; They destroy the seeds of weeds; Owls help by killing mice and rats; Vultures (Buzzards) clean up dead animals; Game birds provide us with sports and food.* (page 10)

3. What is meant by habitat?
   *The natural home of an animal or plant where it finds food and shelter and raises its family.* (page 12)

4. Name two of the five ways to identify birds.
   *Size, shape of head and beak, behavior, color pattern, and bird songs.* (page 13-18)

5. What is it helpful to know the parts of a bird?
   *It makes it easier to identify them.* (page 11)

6. Name some different types of bird feed.
   *Suet, corn meal, cracked corn, sunflower seeds, millet, thistle, and commercial bird feed.* (pages 27 and 28)

7. Did you build a bird feeder?
   *If so, tell me what type of feeder and for what type of birds. Answers will vary.* (page 32)

8. Name two items you need for bird watching. Why?
   *Binoculars and a bird field book to identify the birds and their habitats.* (page 7)

9. What are some of the laws, rules, and common sense things you should follow when bird watching?
   *Don’t go on a bird-watching hike alone. Don’t go in areas where hunting is taking place. Get your parent’s permission. Let an adult know where you will be. Know the federal and state laws— don’t touch. Private property needs owner’s permission. “Take memories and leave only footprints.”* (page 9)

10. When does most migration take place?
    *At night, with the resting and feeding during the days.* (page 9)

11. What three things should you avoid feeding birds?
    *Bread, rice, and popcorn.* (page 29)