

Drawing Nature: Backyard Birds

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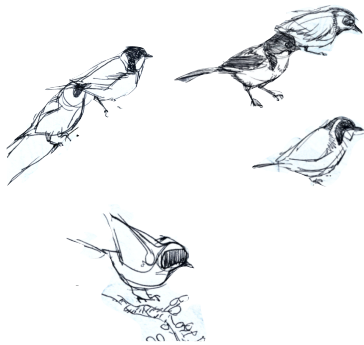
Material List

Paper:

- A few sheets of drawing paper. I'd recommend smooth paper. If you're bringing loose sheets, make sure to also bring a few paperclips and a pad to support them.
- **Smooth** newsprint 18x24" pad is preferable for charcoal.
- Brown craft paper works well for color pencils, pastels, graphite and charcoal.
- Cold pressed watercolor sheets if you plan to use watercolors.
- Use the sizes that you are comfortable with - 9x12" sheets should be fine for watercolors.
- If you enjoy doing digital paintings/drawings, an iPad with Apple pencil is a good choice.

Drawing materials:

- A color pencil set. Any good brand would do. Pencil sharpener.
- A pastel set if you want to draw in pastels. I use Cretacolor pastels.
- If you plan to use charcoal, bring charcoal pencils (2B and 4B) and/or a few sticks of vine/willow charcoal. You may also need x-acto knife to sharpen your charcoal pencils. And sandpaper to smooth the charcoal tip. I will be demoing using charcoal and pastel colors.
- A watercolor set if you want to paint in watercolors - in general any watercolor set would do unless you have favorites. Make sure it has white paint (Chinese white or equivalent). Three different sized synthetic brushes based on your paper size, a small saucer for mixing and a small container for water. FYI, I use Winsor & Newton watercolor cakes. Daniel Smith would be great too
- Erasers - both kneaded rubber eraser and the white plastic eraser.
- For iPad, I use Clipstudio Paint software to paint. However, there are many software options including inexpensive ones like Procreate. FYI, I don't use Procreate.



This list is a bit exhaustive. You don't need to bring everything listed above.

Start with charcoal or colored pencils and a 9x12 or 18x24 pads of paper. Feel free to add other materials as you explore further.