

# BINESHIIYAG

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## GOOKOOKO'OO



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**Bineshiiyag is a fun game that will amuse and entertain even the youngest card players. It is like the popular card game, Go Fish, but uses our winged relatives as the focal point for the game.**

**Bineshiiyag is a fast-paced card game giving Ojibwe language learners an avenue to learn and use the language.**

**Can be played in English or in full immersion!**

**Created for two or more players!**

**(additional players may be added with**

**Bineshiiyag expansion decks!)**

# Contents

The deck consists of 48 cards. There are 12 different birds in the deck with 4 cards for each bird.

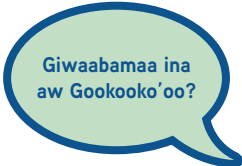
## Set Up

The dealer deals 5 cards clockwise one at a time, face down, beginning with the player to the left. Place the remaining cards in a facedown “draw pile”.



# Set Up & Game Play

The player left to the dealer (Player 1) will ask any one they choose for a card that would match a card in their own hand by asking, “Giwaabamaa na aw (Bineshiinh)?” / “Do you see that (Bird)?”



Giwaabamaa ina aw Gookooko’oo?

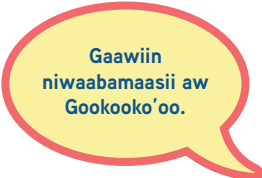


Eya’ niwaabaamaa aw Gookooko’oo.

If Player 2 has that card, they must give Player 1 that card. “Eya’ niwaabamaa aw (Bineshiinh).”

Player 1 then can pull that pair from their hand and place both cards face down next to them. Player 1 takes another turn.

If Player 2 does not have the card they say, “Gaawiin niwaabamaasii aw (Bineshiinh).” / “I do not see that (Bird).”



Gaawiin niwaabamaasii aw Gookooko’oo.

# Game Play Continued

Player 1 then draws a card from the draw pile. Players take turns moving clockwise around the table (to left). If a player runs out of cards, they draw 5 more from the top of the draw pile. Play continues until the deck runs out.

## How to Win

Whoever gets the most pairs when the deck runs out wins!



### ALTERNATIVE GAME PLAY:

**Challenge 1: Gego Zhaaganaashiimoken! Don't speak English!**

Try playing using only Ojibwe language.

**Challenge 2: One turn only!** Regardless or not if a player gets a pair on their turn, they only get to ask one time.

# Game Dialogue

Do you see that (Bird)?  
Giwaabamaa na aw (Bineshiinh)?

Yes, I see that (Bird).  
Eya' niwaabamaa aw (Bineshiinh).

No, I don't see that (Bird).  
Search for him/her.  
Gaawiin niwaabaamaasii aw  
(Bineshiinh). Nandawaabam.

- The word Bineshiinh means bird.
- Nandawaabam means to search for him/her. This signifies the player who asked should pick a card.

Replace the word Bineshiinh  
for the name of the Bird  
you are talking about.



# Birds in this Deck

Gookooko'oo	Owl
Gekek	Hawk
Giniw	Golden Eagle
Aginjibagwesi	Goldfinch
Misko-bineshiinh	Cardinal
Meme	Pileated Woodpecker
Diindiisi	Bluejay
Bine	Grouse
Opichi	Robin
Nenookaasi	Hummingbird
Aandeg	Crow
Animikii	Thunderbird

# Table Talk

Giwaabamaa na aw (Bineshiinh)?	Do you see that (Bird)?
Eya' niwaabamaa aw (Bineshiinh).	Yes, I see that (Bird).
Gaawiin niwaabamaasii aw (Bineshiinh).	No, I don't see that (Bird).
Nandawaabam!	Search for him/her!
Odaminodaa!	Lets play!
Awenen nitam?	Who's turn is it?
Awenen maajitaad?	Who is starting?
Gego giiwanimoken.	Don't lie.



# Table Talk Continued

Geget gidayaawaa. Mii inendamaan.	I think you really have it (the card).
Gaawiin ganage!	Not even!
Awenen oninige?	Who's shuffling/ dealing?
Giinitam ji-oninigeyan	Your turn to shuffle.
Daga wiidookawishin.	Please help me out.
Nimbakinaage!	I win!
Minotaage.	S/he is a good player/ has good luck.
Gaawiin inendaagozisii.	S/he isn't destined to win/ has bad luck.



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