



PERMANENT RESIDENTS (Birds here year round)

FORESTS

- Carolina Chickadee --- Small, black cap and bib, white face and belly, gray back and wings
Song: 4 note "see-saw, see-saw" or call "chick-a-dee-dee-dee"
- Tufted Titmouse --- Gray back and wings, gray crest, orange flanks, white belly
Song: 2 note "peter, peter, peter" or 1 note "here, here, here"
- White-breasted Nuthatch - Bluish gray back, crown and wings, white breast.
Walks down tree trunk. Song: Nasal "ank...ank...ank"
- Pileated Woodpecker - Our largest woodpecker. Red crest. Black body with white stripe through face that runs down neck. Voice: Irregular rhythm, high-pitched "kuk kuk keekeekeeekeeekeeekeekuk kuk"
- Northern Flicker - Our only woodpecker that's brownish overall. Flash of yellow when it flies.
Voice: similar to Pileated's but regular, lower pitched, long, "kwikwikwikwikwik..." continued steadily for up to 15 seconds
- Red-bellied Woodpecker - Red on top of head, buff face and breast, black and white streaky back
Voice: Nasal bark "churr...churr... churr"
- Hairy Woodpecker --- Black and white similar to Downy but with much longer bill.
Voice: Rapid series of notes on one pitch.
- Downy Woodpecker -- Black and white, smaller than Hairy with short bill.
Voice: descending whinny
- Eastern Screech Owl -- Our smallest owl (size of a can of cola). Either red or gray. Ear tufts.
Voice: Not a screech but a descending whinny with husky falsetto quality or long, whistled monotone trill
- Barred Owl --- Large round head with no horns. Bars running down breast.
Voice: "who cooks for you, who cooks for you all."
- Great Horned Owl --- Our largest owl. Prefers conifers. Brown, with horns and yellow eyes.
Voice: Muffled hoot. The classic hoot owl. "who who who who"
- Cooper's Hawk --- Female is Pileated Woodpecker sized. Much longer tail than Buteos. Gray back, brownish red breast. Prefers deciduous trees. Looks like Sharp-shinned Hawk but bigger. Broad white band at end of tail. Voice: Nasal barking notes, "pek pek pek..."
- Sharp-shinned Hawk --- Looks much like Cooper's Hawk except smaller. Female is Blue Jay sized. Prefers conifers. Voice: short, sharp "kiw kiw kiw..."

Thickets, Secondary Growth

- Eastern Towhee --- Male: black head, back and wings (Female brown). Orange flanks, white belly.
Voice: *"Drink your teeeeeaaa"*
- Northern Cardinal --- Male: bright red with crest. Black mask and goatee. Female: colors muted. Voice: various LOUD whistled phrases: down-slurred *"chee-er, chee-er, chee-er"* or up-slurred *"wheet, wheet, wheet"* followed by series of repeated notes. Also a loud whistled quick tempo *"purty, purty, purty"*
- Carolina Wren --- Perky brown wren with white stripe above eye. Tail erect.
Voice: Very energetic, loud repeated 2 note *"weedle, weedle, weedle"* or 3 note *"weedeater, weedeater, weedeater"*

Birds of the Lakes, Ponds, Rivers, Wetlands (What they look and sound like)

- Belted Kingfisher --- Shaggy blue crest. Blue back, wings. Wide white collar. Dark breast band. Female has rusty band across breast. Voice: uneven loud rattle.
- Great Blue Heron -- Our tallest bird. Bluish gray with white face and black plume.
Often seen standing in shallow water. Pulls in long neck when it flies.
- Wood Duck --- Male very colorful. Green drooping crest Black face with white at neck, rusty orange breast, yellow flanks. Female brown, white around eyes.
- Mallard --- Male: Green head, reddish brown breast, buff body, black and white tail. Female: Brown
- Canada Goose --- Black head and neck with white vertical mark behind eye. Body gray.
- Double-crested Cormorant -Large, black bird. Orange chin. Flies with neck kinked.
Double crest is hard to see.
- Red-winged Blackbird --- Male: Overall black with yellow and red epaulets. Female: brown streaked.
Voice: *"kon-kee-reeeee."*

Birds of the City Parks, Suburban Areas, Near Humans (What they look and sound like)

- Mourning Dove --- Buffy ground bird. Taped tail with white tips when in flight.
Voice: mournful cooing: *"oo-ah, whoo, whoo, whoo"*
- Rock Pigeon --- The city pigeon. Various colors but typically grayish with flicks of iridescent color.
Brown morph is rarer. Voice: soft, muffled low hoots.
- Eastern Phoebe --- Olive green overall. Bobs tail when perched. Typical flycatcher behavior.
Voice: Says its name, *"fee bee, fee bee"*
- Blue Jay --- Overall blue with pale gray breast and black necklace, blue crest.
Voice: varied, harsh *"jay, jay, jay"* or strained *"queedle-dee"*

- American Robin --- Dark head, back, wings, orange-red breast.
Voice: rhythmic sing-song pattern: "*cheerily cheer-up, cheerily cheer-up*"
- Northern Mockingbird --- Overall dark gray, pale gray breast. Flash of white when it flies.
Voice: long song with a wide range of phrases, some melodious, some harsh. Each phrase repeated three or more times.
- Cedar Waxwing --- Warm brown to gold. Crest and black mask. Yellow tip of tail. Travels in groups.
Voice: very high pitched trilled "*sree, sree, sree*"
- Song Sparrow --- Brown. One large spot in center of smaller spots on breast.
Voice: 3 introductory notes followed by various notes and trills.
Song extremely variable. Something like "*maids, maids, maids put on your tea kettle, ettle, ettle*"
- House Finch --- Brownish bird with red on front of face and neck.
Voice: a long high-pitched burry, warbled chatter
- House Sparrow --- Brownish sparrow with gray cheeks and crown, black goatee and neck.
Song: series of nearly identical chirps.
- American Crow --- Large all black. Voice: hoarse "*caaw caaw*", hollow rattle.
- Common Grackle --- All black with multicolored iridescence. Yellow eyes.
Voice: harsh, unmusical, metallic
- European Starling --- Iridescent, oily looking black with green tint. Voice: Various high-pitched squeaky squeals, clucks, clicks, wolf whistles and electronic sounding squeaks
- Brown-headed Cowbird --- Sparrow-sized black bird with brown head.
Voice: gurgling notes followed by slurred whistle

Birds of Meadows, Edges, Open Spaces, Grasslands (What they look and sound like)

- Turkey Vulture --- Black soaring bird with small, red head. Back of wings and flight feathers are silvery.
- Red-shouldered Hawk --- Soaring hawk. Reddish breast, and front edges of wings. Thick black, thin white barred tail.
Voice: very vocal, loud "*keeyuur, keeyuur.*"
- Red-tailed Hawk --- Our largest soaring hawk with belly band and red tail.
Voice: raspy, falling in pitch "*cheeeeeeeewv*"
- Killdeer --- Leggy, strutting shorebird. Brown back, white front with twin black stripes at neck.
Voice: says its name, "*kill deer, kill deer*"
- Eastern Bluebird -- Male: blue with rusty breast. Female: muted
Voice: Short warbling notes, 1 or 2 seconds long, up to 20 a minute
- Eastern Meadowlark -- Brown streaked back. Yellow breast with black chevron.
Voice: bittersweet, "*spring of the ye eeeeeer.*"

- American Goldfinch -- Male: bright yellow with black wings and cap. Wing bar.
Female: muted. Voice: high, musical, long phrases, similar to house finch, long warbled chatter but with interspersed sad whine. Listen for flight call: "*potato chip, potato chip, potato chip*"
- American Kestrel -- Small falcon. Black and white face pattern. Male: blue gray wings
Female: bronze wings. Voice: Loud "*killy killy killy.*"