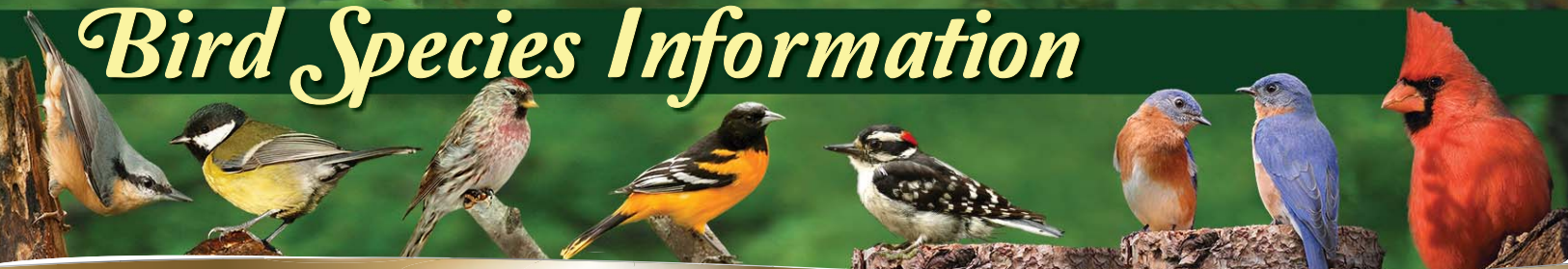


Bird Species Information



American Goldfinch -

- **Seed eater** – foliage gleaner
- **Range** – Entire US
- **Habitat** - Prefers open meadows with lots of weeds
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Conical beak adept at opening weed seeds
- One of the strictest vegetarian birds in the world
- Agile bird will hang upside down to reach seed
- Last bird to nest, will often nest near feeders
- State bird in 3 states: IA, NJ, WA



House Finch -

- **Seed eater** – foliage gleaner
- **Range** – Entire US, but native to Western US. Released in NYC
- **Habitat** – Residential areas
- **Migratory** – Year round
- They are ground feeders
- Very social birds, like to travel in groups



Northern Cardinal -

- **Seed eater**, berries
- **Range** – Eastern 2/3rds of US
- **Habitat** - Shrubby areas, wooded edges, overgrown fields
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Very territorial
- Actually named after the Catholic Cardinal red mitre
- Frequent target of Coopers hawks
- State bird in 7 states, IL, IN, KY, NC, VA, OH, WV



Purple Finch -

- **Seed eater** – foliage gleaner
- **Range** – Primarily Eastern US, and West Coast. No Rockies
- **Habitat** – Moist, cool forests, or overgrown areas with streams
- **Migratory** – Year round
- They have been displaced somewhat by the House Finch
- Roger Tory Peterson described as sparrow dipped in Raspberry juice.
- State bird of New Hampshire



Rose Breasted Grosbeak -

- **Insectivore**
- **Range** – Eastern 2/3 rds of US
- **Habitat** – Deciduous and coniferous forests
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Feed in dense underbrush, foliage gleaner
- Not territorial, but females possessive of male mates



Tufted Titmouse -

- **Insectivore**, large seeds, suet – methodical foliage gleaner
- **Range** – Eastern woodlands
- **Habitat** – deciduous and coniferous forests
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Often flock with Chickadees, Nuthatches, and Woodpeckers
- Nests in tree cavities where they will often hoard food in the winter months



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White Breasted Nuthatch -

- **Insectivore**, large seeds
- **Range** – Most of the US
- **Habitat** – Deciduous forests
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Creep up & down trees looking for insects
- Will hide food under bark



Chickadee -

- **Insectivore**, large seeds, suet – foliage gleaner
- **Range** – Northern half of US
- **Habitat** – Forests and wooded lots
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Very social birds, with a high structure flock hierarchy
- Even mated pairs sleep in separate nest cavities
- State bird in MN, MA



Mourning Dove -

- **Granivour** - ground forager
- **Range** – Most of the US
- **Habitat** – Can be found anywhere except dense forests
- **Migratory** – Year round, but can be long distant migrators
- Often spotted perched on telephone wires
- Named for their low mournful song



Red Bellied Woodpecker -

- **Insectivore**, peanuts, suet, bark forager
- **Range** – Eastern US
- **Habitat** – All forests types, especially deciduous with wetlands or river bottoms
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Creeps up and down trees and branches foraging for insects
- Can stick barbed tongue out 2" to pull insects from cavities



Downy Woodpecker -

- **Insectivore**, peanuts, suet, bark forager
- **Range** – Entire US
- **Habitat** – Open woodlands, especially deciduous with streams
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Small woodpecker, slightly larger than nuthatches and chickadees



- Common to back yard feeders, about ¼ of their diet is large nuts and acorns
- Woodpeckers don't have a song, but drum to communicate
- Have been spotted drinking from humming bird feeders

Hairy Woodpecker -

- **Insectivore**, peanuts, suet, bark forager
- **Range** – Entire US
- **Habitat** – Mature forests, especially coniferous
- **Migratory** – Year round
- Slightly larger than the Downy, they have an erect soldierly appearance
- They will sometimes follow Pileated wood pecker cleaning up missed insects
- Have been important in control of forest pest insect outbreaks

