

# Bird Spotting

Keep your eyes open!

Which birds have you seen? (tick the circles)

blackbird



blue tit



chaffinch



dove



crow



magpie



jackdaw



linnet



nuthatch



swallow



robin



starling



sparrow



wren







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# Backyard BIRDS

## CHECKLIST

See if you can spot these common backyard birds:

1 **AMERICAN CROW**

American Crows will gang up on a predator to chase it away. If you see a mob of crows harassing a larger bird, you might get a glimpse of a hawk or an owl.

2 **AMERICAN GOLDFINCH**

Thistle is an important source of food and nesting material for the American Goldfinch. It can cling to narrow stems and delicate seed heads, sometimes upside down.

3 **AMERICAN ROBIN**

Cocking its head from side to side, the American Robin seems to be listening for worms. Actually, it spots them by sight and pulls them from the ground.

4 **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE**

The Black-capped Chickadee may become quite tame and can learn to eat from your hand. It's named for its call, which sounds like "chick-a-dee."

5 **BLUE JAY**

The Blue Jay can be noisy and aggressive at feeders. It also has a habit of robbing other birds' nests and eating the eggs and young birds.

6 **COMMON GRACKLE**

Though the Common Grackle looks black from a distance, its feathers shimmer in glossy blue, purple, bronze, and green.

7 **DOWNY WOODPECKER**

The Downy Woodpecker is the smallest woodpecker in North America, similar in size to a Chickadee with which it often Rocks.

8 **EUROPEAN STARLING**

The most common songbird in North America, the European Starling travels in large groups, often with blackbirds and grackles.

9 **HOUSE SPARROW**

The House Sparrow is a noisy and aggressive bird that will steal nest sites from native hole-nesting birds.

10 **MOURNING DOVE**

The Mourning Dove's wings and tail make a whistling sound during flight, especially when the bird takes off.

11 **NORTHERN CARDINAL**

A male Northern Cardinal will fiercely defend his feeding territory. You may see him fighting his reflection in a car mirror or window, trying to scare off the "other" bird.

12 **RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD**

The male Red-winged Blackbird can hide his red feathers when he searches for food. It eats mostly insects, as many as a billion a year.

13 **TUFTED TITMOUSE**

The Tufted Titmouse lines its nest with fur, sometimes plucked from living animals.



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# FIND A BIRD!



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**\_ A BIRD'S NEST**

**\_ A BIRD HOUSE**

**\_ A FLYING BIRD**

**\_ A BIRD FEEDER**

**\_ 2 BIRDS TOGETHER**

**\_ A SMALL BIRD**

**\_ BIRDS ON A WIRE**

**\_ A LARGE BIRD**

**\_ BIRDS IN A TREE**

**\_ A YELLOW BIRD**

**\_ BIRDS BATHING**

**\_ A GRAY BIRD**

**\_ A BIRD SONG**

**\_ A BLUE BIRD**

**\_ 3 OR MORE BIRDS  
TOGETHER**

**\_ A RED BIRD**

