



How to Draw: Northern Cardinal

Northern cardinals are now Ohio's state bird, but they were rarely seen in Ohio before the 1800s because of how heavily forested the state was. Cardinals actually prefer a mixed habitat--one that includes woodlands, brush, and open spaces--so when settlers in Ohio began cutting down trees for lumber, cardinals began making Ohio their home.

Cardinals are known for their bright red feathers--male cardinals sport the vibrant color all over while female cardinals are mostly tan with red on the tips of their wings, tail, and crown. Cardinals do not migrate during the winter months, so keep an eye out for their colorful plumage against the white snowy trees in your backyard!

Follow the steps below to draw your own Northern cardinal!

