

Bird Songs & Calls

Scavenger Hunt



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Spring is upon us and the sweet chorus of birds is getting louder each day. Naturalists often use patterns of words and phrases called mnemonics to help them remember the songs and calls of the birds they hear. Use the fun phrases below to listen for some of these backyard musicians. If you're lucky, you may catch glimpses of the vocalists too!



Northern Cardinal

"It's here, It's here, It's here!" or "birdie, birdie, birdie!" or "burrito, burrito, burrito, burrito!"



Blue Jay

"jay, jay, jay, jay"



American Crow

"caw" repeated 2-7 or more times



Mourning Dove

"who, whooo, whoo, whoo whoo."



Tufted Titmouse

"peter, peter, peter" (song) or "chur, chur, chur, chur" (call)



American Robin

"cheerily, cheer up, cheer up; cheerily, cheer up"



Eastern Bluebird

"cheer, cheerful charmer"



Black-capped Chickadee

"chickadee, dee, dee" (call) or "fee-bee" (song)



Red-winged Blackbird

"conquereee"(song) or "click,click, click" (call)



White-breasted Nuthatch

"yank, yank yank"



Red-bellied Woodpecker

"Balk! Balk!"



American Goldfinch

"See me!.... See me!"