

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

Call: a hoarse, screaming "kee-eeee-arr" lasting two to three seconds

Not all red-tailed hawks have a red tail; their colors change with age.





Osprey Pandion haliaetus Call: a high-pitched whistling or fast "chirp-chirp-chirp"

Ospreys prey on fish and usually nest high in the treetops around a body of water. Look for the characteristic bright white patch above their eye.



Northern Goshawk

Call: a high-pitched "kak-kak-kak-kak" Goshawks prefer old-growth forests



Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus Call: a high pitched "kwit-kwitkwit-kee-kee-kee"

After the age of four, their white head makes them easy to identify.





The best way to spot your favorite bird is to research when they're in our area. Remember, some birds migrate! Never get close to a nesting bird as this can cause the adults to abandon their nests.

Pro Tip: Stand back, sit still and be patient. Birds can be spooked easily. Avoid making loud noises and leave your furry friends at home.

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Cooper's Hawk Accipiter cooperii Call: a loud "kak-kak-kak"

These stealthy hawks can often be spotted on fence posts or telephone poles waiting to pounce on their prey of small mammals and birds. New name coming soon!



Sharp-shinned Hawk



The sharp-shinned hawk is the smallest of the Accipiter family.



Western Tanager

Piranga ludoviciana Call: "pi-tic"

Males typically have a red head while females are drab with a greenish-yellow body and black wings.



Pine Siskin Carduelis pinus Call: "chlee-ip, shreeee"

Pine siskins are busy birds that feed on seeds and some insects, including caterpillars and aphids.



Steller's Jay

Cvanocitta stelleri Call: A raspy "shook, shook, shook"

This beautiful, blue-colored bird is loud and can often wake you up in the morning by squawking at first light. New name coming soon!



California Quail

Callipepla califonica Call: consists of three syllables that sound like "chi-ca-go"

Quail can often be spotted running along the ground rather than flying.



Clark's Nutcracker

Nucifraga columbiana Call: a nasal, grating, drawn-out "kra-a-a" along with rapid, sharp "kraak" calls during flight

These birds can be spotted at higher elevations high in the treetops.



Olive-sided Flycatcher

Contopus cooperi Call: sounds similar to the words, "quick-three-beers"

This bird is often perched high in trees watching for large flying insects to fly by.

White-breasted Nuthatch

Sitta carolinensis Call: "whi, whi, whi, whi, whi, whi, too, too"

The nuthatch can often be spotted on trees with thick bark looking for insects.

This intense bundle of energy has a long bill and is always bopping around.



Mountain Chickadee

Poecile gambeli Call: "cheese-bur-ger"

These birds are curious and active during the winter and summer months.

Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus Call: a low, deep-pitch "hoohuhoo, hoohuhoo"

These nocturnal predators enjoy preying on mice, squirrels and smaller raptors.

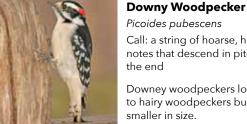


White-headed Woodpecker

Picoides albolarvatus

Call: a sharp "pee-dink" followed by a prolonged "pee-dee-dee-dink"

These birds are often spotted amongst needle clusters in conifers or foraging for insects on the trunks or limbs of trees.



Picoides pubescens

Call: a string of hoarse, high-pitched notes that descend in pitch towards the end

Downey woodpeckers look similar to hairy woodpeckers but are smaller in size.

Hairy Woodpecker

Picoides villosus Call: a sharp "peek" note, lower in pitch than the Downy Woodpecker

Some might describe these birds as looking like part of a heavy metal band.





Colaptes auratus Call: a quick, single note of "kyeer"

The Northern flicker is a large woodpecker with a black bib on its chest. Males have a black or red mustache running down their cheeks.

Red-breasted Sapsucker

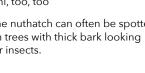
Sphyrapicus ruber

Call: it's common for them to be nonvocal but they can also have a raspy chatter and a harsh, squealing "weep"

These birds create neatly spaced holes in a row along tree trunks. They eat the sap that oozes from these holes.







Sitta canadensis Call: "ank, ank, ank"

Red-breasted Nuthatch