# Let's Explore North American Backyard Birds Premium Calendar Connections Cards

Target Grades ~ PreK-2nd

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I added a tiny black arrow showing the way I insert my page back in {face up} so that they line up exactly. Be sure to run a test on fast draft/grayscale to make sure yours line up right! We printed ours on white cardstock, laminated them, then cut them out!

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### **Calendar Connections**

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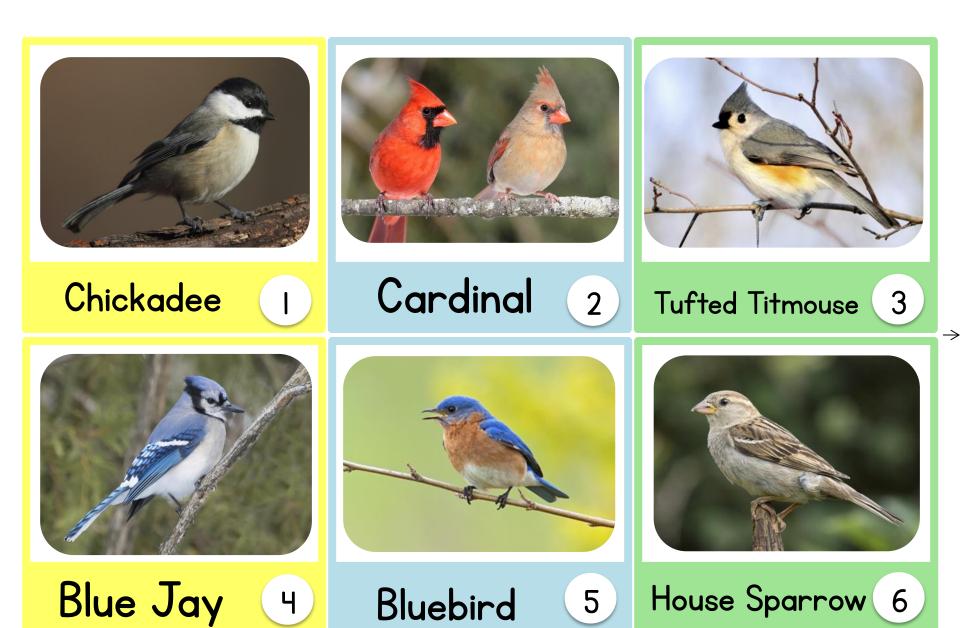




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# 3 ~ Tufted Titmouse

Food ~ mainly insects, seeds
Nesting ~ cavity of tree,
nesting boxes
Location ~ mid-west and
south-eastern states

They hoard food all fall and winter.

### 2 ~ Northern Cardinal

Food ~ seeds, fruit, insects
Nesting ~ shrubs, vines
Location ~ mid-west through
eastern and southern states

The state bird of seven states.

## 1 ~ Carolina Chickadee

Food ~ mainly insects, seeds
Nesting ~ cavity of tree,
nesting boxes
Location ~ mid-west and
south-eastern states

They hang upside down to glean bugs from trees.

# 6 ~ House Sparrow

Food ~ seeds
Nesting ~ nesting boxes,
cavity of tree
Location ~ entire United
States, except Alaska

Prefers to nest in manmade structures.

# 5 ~ Eastern Bluebird

Food ~ insects

Nesting ~ nesting boxes,
cavity of tree

Location ~ eastern North
America

A female chooses a mate based on the nest he builds, not his song or coloring.

### 4 ~ Blue Jay

Food ~ insects, acorns, nuts
Nesting ~ tall trees
Location ~ north-western
states through south eastern
states

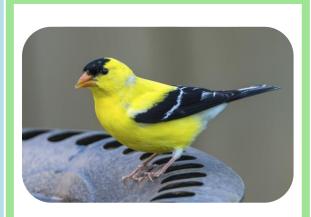
Blue Jays often copy the call of hawks, especially the Redshouldered Hawk.



Carolina Wren



White Breasted Nuthatch



American Goldfinch





Indigo Bunting 10



Purple Finch



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Downy Woodpecker

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### 9 ~ American Goldfinch

Food ~ seeds
Nesting ~ shrub or sapling
Location ~ entire United States

American Goldfinches are the only finch that molts twice a year.

#### 8 ~ White Breasted Nuthatch

Food ~ insects, peanuts, acorns, peanut butter Nesting ~ cavity of tree Location ~ across most of the United States

During the winter, Nuthatches join Titmouse or Chickadee flocks to forage.

# 7 ~ Carolina Wren

Food ~ insects, very few seeds
Nesting ~ cavity of tree,
nesting boxes
Location ~ northeastern and
southeastern states

Carolina Wrens will bond (mate) for life.

# 12 ~ Downy Woodpecker

Food ~ insects, berries, grains
Nesting ~ dead trees or dead
parts of live trees
Location ~ across most of the
United States

Woodpeckers don't sing songs, but drum out a rhythm with their beak.

### 11 ∼ Purple Finch

Food ~ seeds, occasional insect
Nesting ~ tall trees

**Location** ~ central and southeastern United States

Often described as "sparrows dipped in raspberry juice."
(Roger Tory Peterson)

# 10 ~ Indigo Bunting

Food ~ insects, seeds
Nesting ~ low vegetation
Location ~ southern and
eastern half of the United
States

Indigo Bunting migrate at night using the stars for guidance.



Chipping Sparrow 13



Pine Siskin



Mourning Dove

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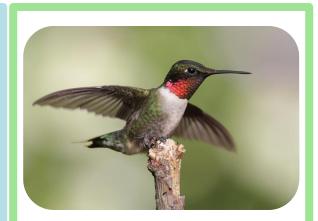
Dark Eyed Junco



Pileated Woodpecker



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Ruby-throated Hummingbird

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#### 15 ∼ Mourning Dove

Food ~ seeds
Nesting ~ trees or ground
Location ~ across the entire
United States

Mourning Doves eat about 12-20% of their weight each day.

#### 14 ~ Pine Siskin

Food ~ mainly seeds from pine trees, other seeds, insects
 Nesting ~ conifer (pine) trees
 Location ~ across the entire
 United States

Pine Siskins can survive temperatures as low as -94\*F.

# 13 ~ Chipping Sparrow

Food ~ seeds
Nesting ~ low shrubs or trees
Location ~ across the entire
United States

Males guard the female while building the nest but will not help with the job!

# 18 ~ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Food ~ nectar
Nesting ~ trees
Location ~ central, northeast
and southeast United States

The Ruby-throated Hummingbird beats its wings 53 times per second.

# 17 ~ Pileated Woodpecker

Food ~ carpenter ants, insects, fruit, nuts Nesting ~ dead trees, mature old trees Location ~ northeastern and southeastern United States

Pileated Woodpeckers dig rectangular holes to find ants.

## 16 ~ Dark Eyed Junco

Food ~ mainly seeds, insects
Nesting ~ ground
Location ~ across the entire
United States

The most common bird in North America. There are about 630 million in North America.



Evening Grosbeak 19



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Western Meadowlark 21



Hooded Oriole 22



Cedar Waxwing 23



Black Phoebe 24

### 21 ~ Western Meadowlark

Food ~ insects, seeds, grains
Nesting ~ ground
Location ~ central,
northwestern, and
southwestern United States

Western Meadowlarks live in open grasslands, prairies, and meadows.

### 20 ~ California Towhee

Food ~ seeds, beetles, grasshoppers Nesting ~ shrubs, small trees Location ~ California, Oregon

Many California Towhee make their nests in poison oak and indulge on their white berries.

# 19 ~ Evening Grosbeak

Food ~ budworm larvae, caterpillars, aphids, seeds Nesting ~ trees Location ~ across most of the United States except for the southeastern states

Evening Grospeak is a songbird without a song! It communicates with sweet piercing chirps.

#### 24 ~ Black Phoebe

Food ~ insects

Nesting ~ cliffs, streamside
boulders

Location ~ southwestern
United States

The Black Phoebe occasionally grabs small minnows from the surface of ponds.

# 23 ~ Cedar Waxwing

Food ~ mainly fruit, mayflies, dragonflies, and stoneflies Nesting ~ trees Location ~ across the entire United States

One of the few birds in North America that can survive on fruit alone for several months.

#### 22 ~ Hooded Oriole

Food ~ insects, spiders, fruit, nectar Nesting ~ nest hangs from trees

Location ~ southwestern United States

The Hooded Oriole is fond of hanging its nest from palm tree leaves.



American Robin 25



Western Scrub-Jay



Red-Winged Blackbird

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American Crow



Northern Mockingbird



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Mountain Bluebird

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#### 27 ~ Red-Winged Blackbird

Food ~ insects, seeds

Nesting ~ low shrubs, low trees

Location ~ across the entire

United States

To attract Red-winged Blackbirds sprinkle seed on the ground as that is where they prefer to eat.

# $26 \sim \text{Western Scrub-}$ Jay

Food ~ insects, fruit, nuts, seeds Nesting ~ low trees, shrubs Location ~ southwestern United States

Western Scrub-Jay can often be found on the back of mule deer picking off bugs to eat.

#### 25 ~ American Robin

Food ~ insects, fruit
Nesting ~ lower half of trees
Location ~ across the entire
United States

Robins eat different foods according to the time of day – earthworms in the morning and fruit later in the day.

#### 30 ~ Mountain Bluebird

Food ~ insects, fruit seeds
Nesting ~ cavity of tree,
nesting boxes
Location ~ northwestern and
southwestern United States

The female Mountain Bluebird chooses her mate solely on his nest making ability.

# 29 ~ Northern Mockingbird

Food ~ insects, fruit
Nesting ~ shrubs, small trees
Location ~ across the entire
United States

Northern Mockingbirds sing all day and into the night. Only unmated males sing throughout the evening.

#### 28 ~ American Crow

**Food** ~ grains, seeds, fruit, nuts, berries, earthworms, mice

Nesting ~ trunk of a tree Location ~ across most of the United States

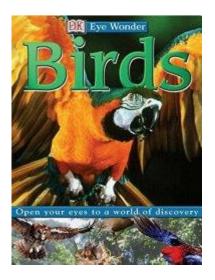
Crows tend to live as families and may contain up to 15 members and young from five different years.

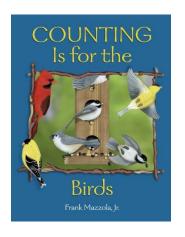


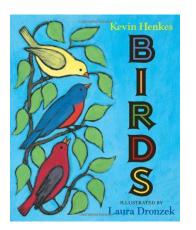
#### 31∼ Yellow Warbler

Food ~ insects
Nesting ~ shrub, small trees
Location ~ across the entire
United States

Yellow Warblers often build a new nest on top of their previous nest sometimes resulting in nests up to six tiers.











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