

## COMMON NATIVE BIRDS IN OUR COUNCIL (DC, MD, VA, W. Va)

*Wouldn't it be cool if you could go outside, and instead of saying "look, a bird!" or "I hear a lot of birds right now." you could say "look, a Blue Jay!" or "I hear a Red Bellied Woodpecker and a Cardinal singing right now?"*

**How many of these common birds have you seen around your home?**

**Use this simple guide to help identify them!**



**American Robin**



**Blue Jay**

You'll usually hear many more birds around than you can actually see—learning different birds songs is one of the best ways to identify birds. **Pair this sheet with the following playlist to take your bird ID to the next level:** [https://](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLX8tFnsMKI1Q0fv_eegKb7-L09yF6b0r)

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**Male**



**Female**

**Northern Cardinal**

**BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST:** Want to identify more birds and learn more about the ones you already know? Download **Merlin Bird ID** from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology through your device's app store! This free app has an easy step-by-step bird ID, as well as a database of birds to explore by region. Learn what they look like, their different calls, and where they live. Not only will you learn something new, but each time you identify a bird you are providing important data about what birds are being seen where!



**Mourning Dove**



**Northern Mockingbird**



**Crow (Various Species)**



**Red-Bellied Woodpecker**



**Red-Tailed Hawk**



Male



Female

**House Sparrow (Introduced Species)**

## **Other Birds to Look Up:**

Song Sparrow

White-Throated Sparrow

Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker

Barred Owl

Belted Kingfisher

Carolina Chickadee

Carolina Wren

Common Grackle

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Gray Catbird

Great Blue Heron

Great Horned Owl

Tufted Titmouse

White Breasted Nuthatch

Red-Winged Blackbird

Wood Thrush

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