

Let's Go Birdwatching!

What #
was this
bird?

Put a star in this
box if you got to
see the actual bird
in person in one of
our parks!



Northern Cardinal - The Northern Cardinal is a fairly large long-tailed songbird. Male cardinals are a beautiful red all over, they have a reddish beak and a black face immediately around the bill. You can spot the cardinal in backyards, parks, woodlots, and shrubby forest edges.

*Fun Fact: The Cardinal is Ohio's state bird & back in the late 1600s, Ohio was 95% forest and cardinals were rare to the area!



Northern Flicker - The Northern Flicker is a large brown woodpecker. Flickers are typically spotted on the ground eating ants & beetles. They have a splash of color on their wings, in Ohio it's a bright yellow. If you are in the west it is a bright red. All Flickers have a bright flash of white at the end of their tails.

*Fun Fact: The flicker digs in the dirt to find ants. It uses its long-barbed tongue to lap them up!



Tufted Titmouse - The Tufted Titmouse is a little gray bird with an echoing voice. Titmice are easily recognized by the black patch right above their beak. This bird is commonly seen at bird feeders and can be found in backyards, parks, and orchards.

*Fun Fact: It takes titmice 6 - 11 days to build their nests!



Carolina Chickadee - The Carolina Chickadee is a tiny bird with a short neck and a large head. Its tail is fairly long and narrow. This bird has a black cap and bib separated by stark white cheeks. The back, wings, and tail are soft gray.

*Fun Fact: Chickadees hold seeds and insects with their feet!



American Goldfinch - The American Goldfinch is easy to identify with their bright yellow color. Goldfinches can be found at feeders any time of the year, but most commonly in the winter.

*Fun Fact: Goldfinches are the state bird of New Jersey, Iowa, and Washington!



Blue Jay - This common, large songbird is familiar to most people. This bird has a beautiful blue shade, with accents of black and a bright white chest. Blue Jays are smaller than crows, but larger than robins.

*Fun Fact: Their fondness for acorns is credited with helping spread oak trees after the last glacial period!



Song Sparrow - Song Sparrows are medium-sized and fairly bulky. This bird is a streaky brow with thick streaks of white on its chest. They can be found in overgrown fields, backyards, and forest edges.

*Fun Fact: Song Sparrows are comfortable around humans and often build their nests inside flower beds!



Red Winged Blackbird - Males are black in color, with a bold and bright red and yellow on the top of their wings.

*Fun Fact: Red winged blackbirds love wet place, such as fresh or saltwater marshes!



Ladder-backed Woodpecker - This beautiful bird can be easily spotted with its bright red head and black + white checkerboard body. This Woodpecker is one of only four in North America that stores their food. And it is the only one known to cover the stored food with wood or bark.

*Fun Fact: These birds can catch insects when flying through the air!



Mallard - The male Mallard has a shiny green head, gray body, and a black tail. Mallards are commonly seen in ponds or marshy areas. These ducks eat by tipping forward in the water to munch on underwater plants.

*Fun Fact: Mallards build their nests on the ground, rather than in a tree!

Please Fill out the following information for a prize drawing at the conclusion of the game:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone #: _____ email address: _____

Best way to contact you: phone email

Which bird was the coolest one you were able to see in our parks? _____