

B1 AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

Length 5”

TRAITS: Small birds with a short, stout beak and notched tail. In the spring and summer, the male is bright yellow with black wings.

HABITATS: Permanent resident in wet prairies and upland prairies, also deciduous woodlands. Nests near thistle seed supply.

FOODS: Mostly eats seeds of Teasel, White-Topped Aster, Woolly Sunflower, and Narrow Mule's Ear.

THREATS: Short-shinned hawk, snakes, birds, squirrels and cats.

“GEE WHIZ”: Feeds young regurgitated seeds. Widely known as “wild canary”.



B2 AMERICAN ROBIN

Length 10”

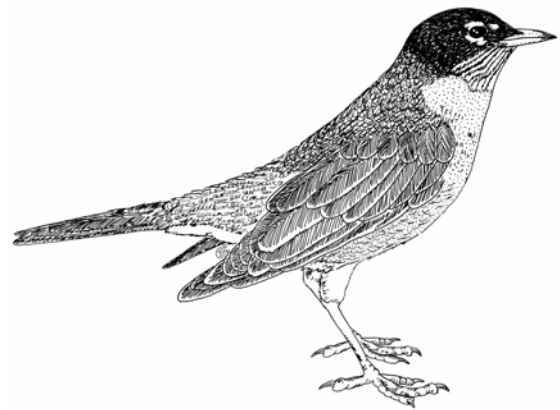
TRAITS: Medium-sized bird with a long tail and short, thin bill. Gray back, reddish breast.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. Wet prairies, upland prairies, and deciduous woodlands. Nests in deciduous trees.

FOODS: Beetles, grasshoppers, ants, caterpillars, worms, and berries.

THREATS: Hawks, owls, and cats.

“GEE WHIZ”: Robins gather in large flocks during the winter.



B3 BELTED KINGFISHER

Length 13”

TRAITS: Small chunky body; large head with crest. Long pointed bill, small legs and feet. A “belt” of blue-gray feathers across its white breast.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. Streams, ponds.

FOODS: Mainly fish, but will also feed on tadpoles of bullfrogs, small garter snakes, rough skinned newts, grasshoppers, moths and beetles.

THREATS: Falcons, hawks.

“GEE WHIZ”: Digs upslanting burrow in banks of creeks, rivers, or ponds for nesting.



B4 BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

Length 5”

TRAITS: Small gray to brown bird. Dark cap and white cheeks. Short, thin bill; long tail.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. In thickets and ash or oak woodlands.

FOODS: Insects from leaves, bark or branches, (moths, butterflies, lacewings, flies, spiders); also seeds and berries.

THREATS: Northern Harriers, small hawks, owls, cats.

“GEE WHIZ”: Chickadees require trees with cavities for nesting.



B5 CANADA GOOSE

Length 25-45”

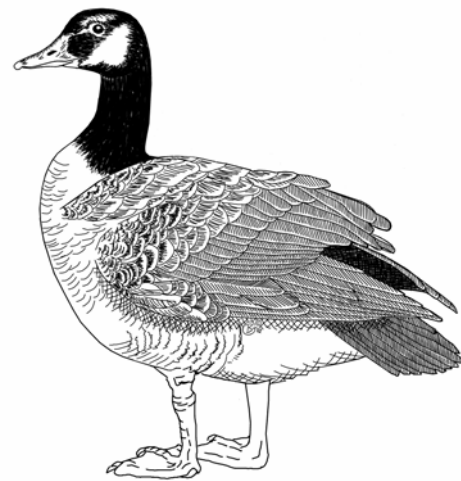
TRAITS: A small to large goose. Black head, neck marked with white “chin-strap” from ear to ear, and dark breast.

HABITATS: Some are permanent resident; others are here only in winter. Emergent wetlands, wet prairies, upland prairies, streams, open water and disturbed areas.

FOODS: Shoots, roots, and seeds of grasses and sedges, bulbs, grains, berries, insects, and snails.

THREATS: Fox, raptors, and raccoons will take eggs and young geese.

“GEE WHIZ”: These birds fly in V- shaped flocks and honk while they fly.



B6 EUROPEAN STARLING

Length 8”

TRAITS: Stocky, medium sized black bird with short tail. Yellow colored bill.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. Wet prairies, upland prairies, in thickets and deciduous woodlands.

FOODS: Insects, seeds, grains, and berries.

THREATS: Hawks, owls, with few other natural predators.

“GEE WHIZ”: It often competes successfully with native species for nest cavities.

