



Bird Cards

The following birds are dependent on forests in the United States for their habitat. Most of the species are common throughout much of the United States.

<p>COOPER'S HAWK</p> <p>I am about 15-20 inches long. My feathers are a dark blue-gray color above. I have a white underside with rusty-colored bars. My nest is a mass of sticks placed about 20 or more feet above the ground in a tree. Watch out! I hunt during the day and I eat small mammals and birds.</p>	<p>GREAT HORNED OWL</p> <p>I am about 18-25 inches long and my wings span over 4 feet. I am dark brown and gray with a white throat patch and large ear tufts. I have big yellow eyes so I can see at night. I often take over an unused nest of a hawk or crow, high up in a tree. I am a night-time predator and I eat mammals, birds, reptiles, and frogs. I am called "the tiger of the woods."</p>	<p>LONG-EARED OWL</p> <p>I am 12-15 inches long and my wing span is a little over 3 feet. I am a mottled brown color and I have big ear tufts. I often nest in a deserted nest of a crow, hawk, or squirrel. I have excellent hearing and eyesight, which help me hunt at night. I eat small rodents, shrews, and rabbits.</p>
<p>WOOD DUCK</p> <p>I am 17-20 inches long. I am a beautiful, crested, multicolored duck. Many people think I am one of the loveliest birds in the world! I live in wooded rivers, ponds, and swamps. My nest is a cup of downy feathers in a hole in a tree or in a nest-box. I eat plants that grow in the water, small fish, nuts, and fruit.</p>	<p>PILEATED WOODPECKER</p> <p>I am a large woodpecker, about 16-19 inches long, and quite shy. I am black with white stripes on my neck. I have a bright red crest on my head. I use my beak to make large rectangular holes in trees. I make my nest in these tree holes, about 15-70 feet above the ground. I eat ants and other wood-boring insects. Sometimes I eat berries.</p>	<p>HAIRY WOODPECKER</p> <p>I am about 9-10 inches long. I have black and white feathers and a long beak. My nest is made of woodchips in a hole in a tree. I help trees by eating insects that bore in trees. I also eat berries and seeds. I drum on wood with my strong beak to let other Hairy Woodpeckers know I am looking for a mate.</p>
<p>BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE</p> <p>I am about 5 inches long. I have a black "cap" and throat, white cheeks, and a gray back. One of my calls sounds just like my name: "chick-a-dee-dee-dee." I make my nest out of plant fibers, feathers, and moss. My nests are usually in a hole in a tree or in a birdhouse. I eat insects, seeds, and berries.</p>	<p>WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH</p> <p>I am 5-6 inches long. I have black on the crown of my head, a white face, a blue-gray back, and white underneath. I make my cup-shaped nest in a cavity in a tree or in a birdhouse. I eat nuts, seeds, insects, and fruits. I am a good gymnast—I often scamper down tree trunks headfirst in search of insects.</p>	<p>BROWN CREEPER</p> <p>I am about 5 inches long. My feathers are brown-streaked above and whitish below. I tuck my nest beneath a wedge of bark on a tree. My nest is made of moss, twigs, feathers, and bark strips. I creep up a tree, moving around it looking for insects and spiders.</p>
<p>WARBLING VIREO</p> <p>I am 5-6 inches long. I am an olive green color and am hard to spot in the forest. I have a beautiful warbling song. My cup-shaped nest is made out of strips of bark, plant fibers, and even spider web. I often place my nest high up in a tall tree near a stream. I eat insects, spiders, and berries.</p>	<p>WOOD THRUSH</p> <p>I am about 8 inches long. My feathers are brown above and white below with large blackish spots. I have a rich, flute-like voice. My nest is shaped like a cup and I like to place it in a bush or very young tree. I like to eat insects. I also like to eat berries, such as those found on dogwood and black cherry trees.</p>	<p>YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER</p> <p>I am about 4-5 inches long. I have a bright yellow throat, a face patterned with black and white, and gray on my head and back. For many people, seeing me return from my migration is a sign that spring has finally arrived. I often hang my cup-shaped nest in a sycamore or pine tree. I like to eat insects and spiders.</p>