

Winter Bird Guide

This guide contains photos of the 24 most common backyard birds of Eastern NC that are seen during the winter months. Many of them are common throughout the year, but the birds marked with (W) can only be found in Garner in the winter.

While you're identifying, make sure you keep an eye out for distinct characteristics like size, shape and color pattern. This guide can help you identify birds based on their physical characteristics, but for a more detailed observation also look at behavior and habitat.

Visit AllAboutBirds.org to read more about each of these species.

Learning to Bird?

Birds come in all shapes and sizes and live in every kind of habitat. Start by looking at a bird's size, body shape, beak shape coloration and/or field marks, posture and habitat!

Quick Reference: Size & Shape



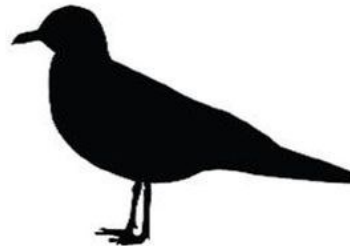
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Length: 4.25 in
Wingspan: 6.75 - 7.5 in



House Sparrow
Length: 5.5 - 6.5 in
Wingspan: 9.5 - 10 in



European Starling
Length: 8.5 in
Wingspan: 15.5 in



Ring-billed Gull
Length: 18-19 in
Wingspan: 48 in



Red-tailed Hawk
Length: 19 - 25 in
Wingspan: 46 - 58 in

Main Color: Black/White

American Crow



Downy Woodpecker



Red-bellied Woodpecker



European Starling



Eastern Towhee



American Robin



Main Color: Gray/White

Dark-eyed Junco (W)



White-breasted Nuthatch



Carolina Chickadee



Northern Mockingbird



Yellow-rumped Warbler (W)



Tufted Titmouse



Main Color: Brown

Mourning Dove



Chipping Sparrow



Carolina Wren



House Finch



Song Sparrow



White-throated Sparrow (W)



Unique Coloration

Northern Cardinal



Eastern Bluebird



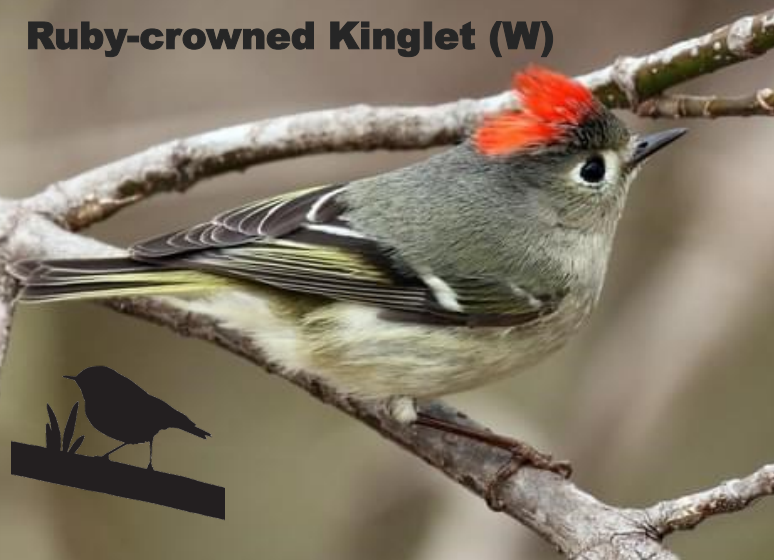
American Goldfinch



Blue Jay



Ruby-crowned Kinglet (W)



Northern Flicker

