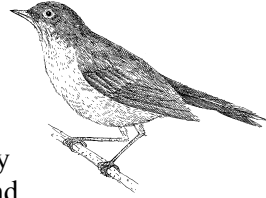


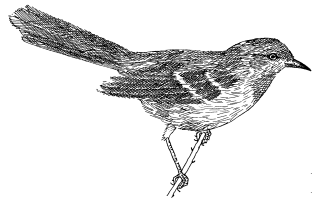
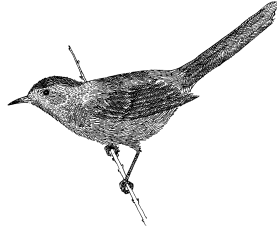
**American Robin**  
(*Turdus migratorius*)  
9-11"

Robins have a dark gray back and red breast. They are often seen running and hopping across lawns in search of food.



**Gray Catbird**  
(*Dumetella carolinensis*) 9"

Catbirds are a slate gray all over with a dark black cap. They are usually seen in dense thickets along the forest edge



**Northern Mockingbird**  
(*Mimus polyglottos*)  
9-11"

Mockingbirds are gray and have distinct white bars on their tails and wings when in flight.

**Cedar Waxwing**

(*Bombycilla cedrorum*) 7"  
A sleek, brown bird with a crested head. Adults will have red "waxy" tips visible on the wings when perched. They also have a yellow tipped tail.



**American Tree Sparrow**  
(*Spizella arborea*)  
6-6 1/2"

American tree sparrows have a single dark spot on the breast and a solid red-brown cap. Their bill is dark above and yellowish below.



**Song Sparrow**  
(*Melospiza melodia*) 5-6 1/2"

A small bird with broad brown streaks down the throat that meet in a central spot on the chest.

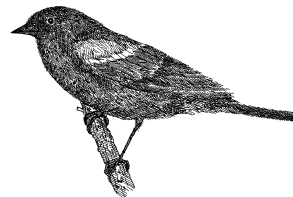
**Northern Cardinal**  
(*Cardinalis cardinalis*)  
7 1/2 -9"

The males are all red with a crest and black patch on the face. The females are buff-brown with some red on the wings. The bill is thick and used to crack open seeds.



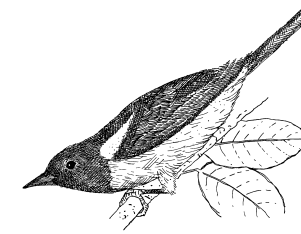
**Red-winged Blackbird**  
(*Agelaius phoeniceus*) 7-9 1/2"

Males are black with red "shoulders" bordered with yellow. The females are a sooty brown with a little patch of red on the wing.



**Baltimore Oriole**  
(*Icterus galbula*)  
7-8"

The males are flame orange with a black back and head. The females are olive brown above and orange-yellow below.



**Pine Siskin**  
(*Carduelis pinus*)  
4 1/2-5"



A small, streaked, dark finch with a deeply forked tail. There may be a bit of yellow on the wings and at the base of the tail, but it is not always visible.

**American Goldfinch** (*Carduelis tristis*) 5"  
The American goldfinch is the state bird of New Jersey. The male has a golden yellow body with black wings and a black cap on its head. The females are a dull yellow-olive

with black wings with white wing bars. They eat seeds such as thistle and sunflowers. Goldfinches travel in flocks and are very acrobatic when they fly.



# COMMON SONGBIRDS of SPRUCE RUN RECREATION AREA, VOORHEES & HACKLEBARNEY STATE PARKS



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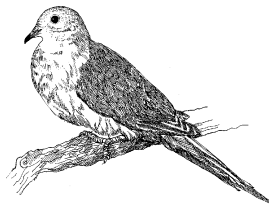
This brochure describes some of the common songbirds that can be found in Spruce Run Recreation Area, Voorhees & Hacklebarney State Parks. The surrounding fields and forests of Spruce Run Recreation Area, Voorhees & Hacklebarney State Parks provide ideal habitats for these birds.

If you would like to report a sighting or share any photographs you make have taken, email [sravspinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sravspinfo@gmail.com) or stop by the Spruce Run Recreation Area Park Office and make note in our Sightings Book.

Please remember to respect the wildlife at all times and observe from a distance for your safety and theirs. For more information call the Spruce Run Recreation Area Park Office at (908) 638-8572.

**Mourning Dove**  
(*Zenaida macroura*)  
12"

The most common dove in the East. It is a brownish tan bird having a long pointed tail with white spots on the outer edge. It is very vocal with a mournful, "Cooo, cooo, cooo."



**Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
(*Melanerpes carolinus*) 9-10 1/2 "  
The red-bellied woodpecker has a zebra patterned back with a red cap and white rump. The males head and nape are covered with red, while only the nape is red on the female.



**Downy Woodpecker**  
(*Picoides pubescens*) 6 1/2"  
Downy woodpeckers are small and have a white back. They resemble a smaller version of a similar species, the hairy woodpecker. The males of both species have a small red patch on the back of the head.



**Hairy Woodpecker**  
(*Picoides villosus*) 9 1/2"  
Hairy woodpeckers are larger versions of the downy. They also have a white back and are checkered with black and white on the side. Their bill and body size is larger than the downy.



**Northern Flicker**  
(*Colaptes auratus*) 12-14"  
Flickers are large woodpeckers usually seen on the ground in wooded areas. They have a distinctive white rump that is easily seen when they are flushed off the ground.



**Pileated Woodpecker**  
(*Dryocopus pileatus*) 16-19 1/2"  
This is the largest woodpecker, about the size of a crow. It has a distinctive red crest and long black tail. They are usually seen excavating large rectangular holes in search of carpenter ants.



**Eastern Kingbird**  
(*Tyrannus tyrannus*) 8"  
The Eastern kingbird has a very distinct white band across the tip of the tail. It is dark on top with a lighter side and belly.



**Blue Jay**  
(*Cyanocitta cristata*)  
11-12 1/2"  
Blue jays are noisy, showy birds that are larger than a robin. They are bright blue with a crest on their head and a black neck ring. They are very vocal and can be heard screaming, "Jay, jay, jay!"



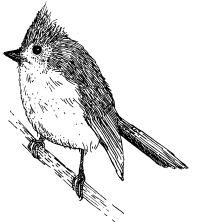
**American Crow**  
(*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)  
17-21"  
The American crow is rather large and completely black. It may even look purplish in bright sunlight. The bill is thick and very strong. The call is a typical, "Caw, caw, caw!"



**Black-capped Chickadee**  
(*Poecile atricapilla*) 4 3/4-5 3/4"  
The black cap and chin make the chickadee easy to identify. It also has a white cheek. Chickadees will visit feeders and are very acrobatic, sometimes seen hanging upside down while feeding.



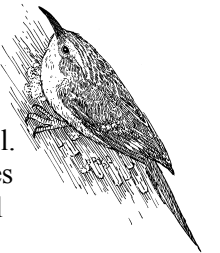
**Tufted Titmouse**  
(*Baeolophus bicolor*) 6"  
A mousy gray color and a tuft of feathers on the head help to identify the titmouse. It has a white belly and a rusty colored side.



**White-breasted Nuthatch**  
(*Sitta carolinensis*) 5-6"  
The nuthatch is a small gray bird with a short tail and long bill. It climbs head first down trees feeding on insects found in the bark. They also have a black cap and white face.



**Brown Creeper**  
(*Certhia americana*) 5"  
Brown creepers are small camouflaged tree-climbing birds with a thin curved bill. They commonly climb trees from the base up in a spiral direction.



**Eastern Bluebird**  
(*Sialia sialis*) 7"  
Males are a bright blue with a rusty breast, females will be a duller blue. They are cavity nesters and can be seen in small groups in fields or open woods and give a musical call when in flight.

