

# BIRDS

Our top ten favorite common birds of Olmsted County.  
How many have you seen!

American Robin



Robins hop along the ground hunting for worms and bugs. They make nests out of grass and mud.

Northern Cardinal



Male Cardinals are bright red. Females are a soft shade of brown. Both can raise high feather crests on their heads.

Downy Woodpecker



Look for a red spot on the back of a Downy's head, it means it's a male. Females don't have the spot.

Canada Goose



These large geese like to gather in large flocks and graze in grassy areas. Their call is a loud "honk".

Blue Jay



Blue Jays can mimic a hawk's call, scaring other birds away from your feeder, leaving them to eat it all up!

American Goldfinch



Bright yellow with a black cap and wings, Goldfinches are often found near thistle. They eat the seeds and line their nests with the fluffy down.

Eastern Bluebird



Much smaller than a Blue Jay, these birds look like they're wearing an orange vest under their blue coat.

Chickadee



These tiny birds stay in MN all year long. Listen for their call which sounds like "chick-a-dee-dee-dee."

White-breasted Nuthatch



These "up-side-down" birds creep headfirst down tree trunks searching for insects in the bark.

Mallard



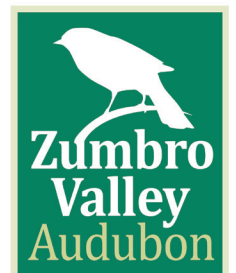
Male mallards have bright green heads and a dark rusty breast. Females are brown overall and raise their ducklings alone.

## Did You Know?

- More than **300** kinds of birds can be seen in Minnesota each year. Some stay and raise their young here, while others migrate on to breeding grounds further north.
- Fifty Canadian Geese can produce **2.5 tons of poop** in a year (watch your step)!

Zumbro Valley Audubon hosts a **free guided bird walk** at 9 am on the first Saturday of each month at Quarry Hill Nature Center in Rochester, MN. See you there!

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