

10 Common Birds Of River Legacy Parks

House Sparrow – At about 6 inches from head to tail, the House Sparrow is a brown bird with a gray underside. It also has a black spot on its throat and chest. This bird is actually part of the weaver finch family, and sometimes collects paper and plastic to build its nest. Male pictured.



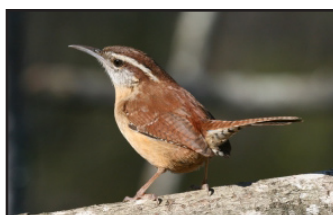
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Mourning Dove – Mostly noticed feeding on the ground, the Mourning Dove has an even brown color with black spots on its back. Also noticeable are patches of gray on the head and neck. The Mourning Dove gets its name from its mournful call.

Carolina Wren – The Carolina Wren can be spotted clinging to the sides of trees as the male boasts over 40 different vocalizations. It is a small brown bird with a light chest and a white-eye stripe.



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Northern Mockingbird – Known as the state bird of Texas, the Mockingbird is a medium-sized song bird that utilizes vocal mimicry. They are gray birds with dark wings and light gray chests. Mockingbirds also perform elaborate mating dances.



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Carolina Chickadee – Nesting in cavities in the upper layers of the forest, the Carolina Chickadee seldom comes to the ground to forage. It is a small gray bird with a distinct black cap and chin, white cheek patches and a dusty brown underside. Its song sounds like a high, fast, “Chicka-dee-dee-dee-dee.”

American Crow – The American Crow is a large black bird from its feathers to its feet. These birds are thought of as social birds. Sometimes they will collect bright shiny objects to store in their nest. Crows have also been known to mimic other bird and human voices.

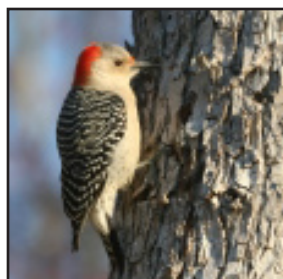


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Northern Cardinal – Cardinals are a medium-sized bird. The male Northern Cardinal is a stunning sight, especially in the winter, with its bright red feathers and black around the orange beak. The female can also be noticed because of the large orange beak, but she is dull brown in color with a tinge of red on her wings. Male pictured.



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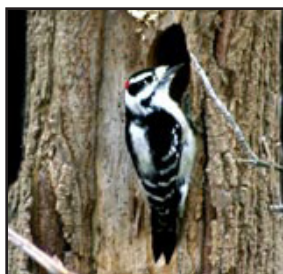


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Red-bellied Woodpecker – Storing acorns and berries in crevices of trees ensures the Red-bellied Woodpecker a food cache throughout the winter. It is a medium-sized bird with a mottled black back and slightly red chest. The male’s red head extends from the beak over the top and down to his neck. Female pictured.



Blue Jay – Blue Jays are medium-sized blue and white birds. They have a light colored chest with a black collar around its neck. The male and female both resemble each other and have crests. Blue Jays sound an alarm at the sight of an intruder.



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Downy Woodpecker – The smallest of the woodpeckers found in River Legacy Parks, the Downy Woodpecker has black and white spotted wings. Males have a red spot on the back of the head, but females lack the red spot. Because of its size, the Downy Woodpecker can adapt to feeding on smaller less stable plants. Male pictured.