

Spring Bird Finder

If you can take a nature walk outside, note how many birds you see or hear. Or, look out your window and see what birds you can spot. To listen to bird calls, go to www.allaboutbirds.org.

Bird	Picture	Bird Notes	Did you see or hear it?	Notes
Blue Jay		Blue jays love acorns and often take drinks from birdbaths. They have many different calls depending on their mood!		
Cardinal		You can't miss the beautiful red color. Fun fact: cardinals don't migrate.		
Downy Woodpecker		Tap! Tap! Tap! Using its beak like a hammer, this bird picks at bark for insects and larvae. Look for the little red spot on its head.		
European Starling		Loves to travel in big, noisy flocks. Starlings are invasive, brought to America by Europeans who read about these birds in the writings of Shakespeare.		
Gray Catbird		Forages in trees, shrubs, and on the ground for insects and fruit. Have a listen to their call! Does it sound like the "meow" of a cat?		

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House Sparrow		Sparrows are everywhere- they are probably one of the most common NYC street birds. They like to hop on the ground.		
Mallard Duck		The male has a gleaming green head, while the female is brown and tan to camouflage with the marshy ground where she lays her eggs. In a flock, ducks can fly as fast as 55 mph.		
Rock Pigeon		Pigeons can always find their way home. They can navigate by sensing the earth's magnetic fields.		
Red-Tailed Hawk		Several groups of hawks can be seen and heard at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. They often hunt in pairs and have a raspy scream as their call.		
American Robin		Look for the beautiful orange-colored feathers. Robins eat earthworms in the morning, and fruit later in the day. Their eggs are a bright blue color!		