

## BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY

# BIRD BLITZ

Did you know that you can explore nature in your own neighborhood?  
See how many birds you can spot from your roost!

### THE HIGH FLYERS

You might spot these birds soaring high above your head!

Listen for their calls or observe the shape they make in the sky to help you identify them!

- Turkey Vulture**  
Red heads (no feathers) and soar way up (no flapping)
- Great Blue Heron**  
Large rookery (nesting area) in Akron in Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Sea Gull**  
Lots of species; mostly white; steal French fries on the beach
- Bald Eagle**  
White head and tail; National bird
- Hawk**  
Lots of species in Ohio; Beak and talons are for eating meat
- Canada Goose or Duck**  
Honks and quacks; often fly together in "V" shape
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### THE NIGHT OWLS

These birds stay up late and are most active after dark! You might only hear their hoots or buzzes!

- Eastern Screech Owl**  
Very common in urban areas; sounds like a horse whinny
- Barred Owl**  
Says "who cooks for you all"
- Great Horned Owl**  
Says "Hoo hoo"; largest owl in Ohio; big pointy ear tufts
- American Woodcock**  
Says "Peent!" Males do a fun sky dance; eats worms
- Nighthawk**  
Sounds like a woodcock; nests on gravel roofs
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### THE RAINBOW BRIGHTS

These birds are the bomb in terms of color!  
They add a bit of dazzle to any habitat!

- Northern Cardinal**  
State bird of Ohio; Sound like laser beams
- Blue Jay**  
So loud!
- Eastern Bluebird**  
Cavity nester; likes a cozy box or tree; eggs are light blue, too
- Ruby-throated hummingbird**  
Males have a red breast; can fly backwards
- Baltimore Oriole**  
Loves to eat grape jelly (really!)
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## THE HOMEBODIES

These LBBs (Little Brown/Black Birds) all have the word “house” in their name or actually live in our houses!

- House sparrow**  
Introduced to US from Europe; found around homes
- House Wren**  
Imitates a rattlesnake if you get close to their nest; Upright tail
- House Finch**  
Pretty reddish head; often at backyard feeders
- ChimneySwift**  
Often seen above houses at dusk; roost in chimneys

## THE HEADBANGERS

Otherwise known as the woodpeckers, these birds really know how to drum up the fun!

- Hairy Woodpecker**  
Larger and bigger bill than the Downy woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker**  
Smallest Ohio woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
Red mohawk (belly is really pink)
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## THE ROCK STARS

These birds have sweet songs or are just super rad in their own way.

- Rock Pigeon**  
Very urban bird; lots of color variation
- Mourning Dove**  
Makes beautiful cooing noises; often perch on wires
- American Robin**  
Is the early singer that wakes you up before dawn; eats worms
- Black-capped Chickadee**  
Says its name: “Chickadee-dee-dee”; Spunky
- American Crow**  
Loud “Caw Caw”; often chased by little birds
- European Starling**  
Noisy birds with lots of funny mechanical calls; Iridescent
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# THE HIGH FLYERS

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**TURKEY VULTURE**



**BALD EAGLE**



**GREAT BLUE HERON**



**RED TAILED HAWK**



**SEA GULLS**



**CANADA GEESE**

# THE NIGHT OWLS



**EASTERN SCREECH OWL**



**GREAT HORNED OWL**



**AMERICAN WOODCOCK**



**BARRED OWL**



**NIGHTHAWK**

# THE RAINBOW BRIGHTS



**NORTHERN CARDINAL**



**EASTERN BLUEBIRDS**



**RUBY THROATED HUMMINGBIRD**



**BLUE JAY**

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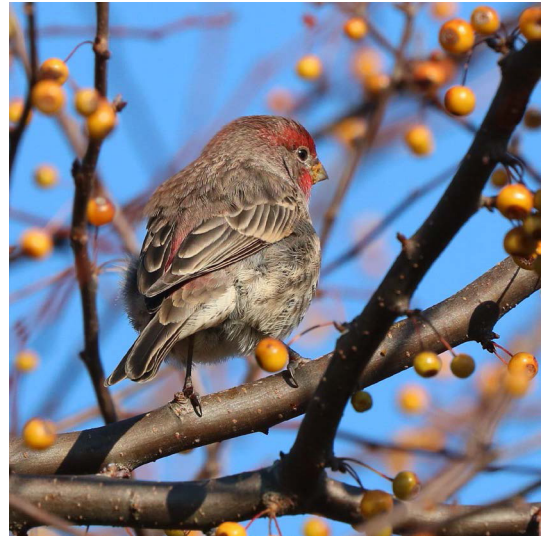


**BALTIMORE ORIOLE**

# THE HOMEBODIES (AKA LBBS)



**HOUSE SPARROW**



**HOUSE FINCH**



**HOUSE WREN**



**CHIMNEY SWIFT**

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# THE HEADBANGERS

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**HAIRY WOODPECKER**



**DOWNY WOODPECKER**



**RED BELLIED WOODPECKER**

# THE ROCK STARS



**ROCK PIGEON**



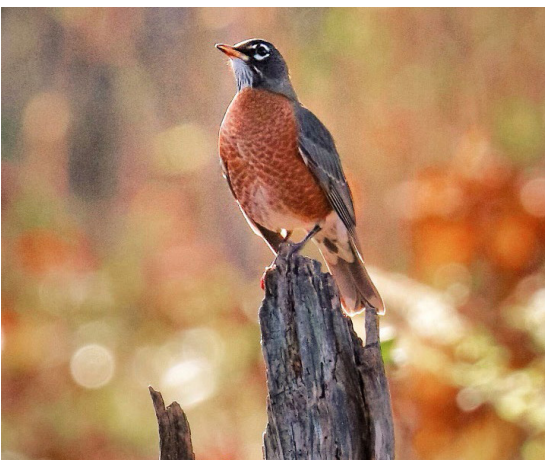
**BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE**



**MOURNING DOVE**



**AMERICAN CROW**



**AMERICAN ROBIN**



**EUROPEAN STARLING**