



## EUROPEAN STARLING



**Scientific Name:** *Sturnus vulgaris*

**Size:** 7.5-8.5 " (19-21 cm)

**Shape:** Short tail; plump body

**Color:** Blackbird with shiny feathers; yellow bill in springtime.

**Habitat:** Cities, parks, farms, open fields, groves

**Food:** Insects, seeds, berries

**Range:** All of North America

**Nest:** In holes made by other birds; tree cavities, rock crevices, and building structures.

**Other:** Introduced to U.S. in 1890 from Europe



## HOUSE FINCH



**Scientific name:** *Carpodacus mexicanus*

**Size:** 5 – 5.75" (13 – 14 cm)

**Shape:** Small head and beak

**Color:** Bright red breast, forehead; black stripe over eyes and rump

**Habitat:** Cities, suburbs, farms, canyons, feeders

**Food:** Seeds, buds, and berries

**Range:** all of North America

**Nest:** In structures, from trees to buildings

**Other:** Originally found in Western U.S. until a flock of caged house finches from California were released in New York in 1940.

## INCA DOVE



Scientific Name: *Columbina inca*

Size: 7.5" (19 cm)

Shape: Very small, slim dove; long, square tail

Color: Light brown; scaly looking

Habitat: Towns, parks, farms; desert native

Food: Seeds, waste grain, insects, fruits

Range: Southwestern US to Northwest Costa Rica

Nest: Almost anywhere; often using the old nest of another species

Other: Nods its head when walking



## ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD



Scientific Name: *Calypte anna*

Size: 3.5 – 4" (9-10 cm)

Shape: Smallest birds; needle-like bill

Color: Red crown and throat; greenish body

Habitat: Gardens, chaparral, open woods

Food: Nectar, small insects, spiders

Range: Western coast of U.S. and into Southwest Arizona

Nest: In shrubs, cup shaped nests lined with plant down

Other: Hovers while feeding



## GREAT TAILED GRACKLE



Scientific Name: *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Size: 18" (45 cm)

Shape: Long with long, broad tail

Color: Purple glossed feathers; yellow eyes

Habitat: Groves, thickets, farms, towns, city parks, wetlands, and marshes

Range: Southwestern U.S. to Peru, rapidly expanding north and west

Food: Insects, small fruits, seeds, waste grain, small aquatic life

Nest: Wide variety, from holes to clumps of grass



## ROCK DOVE (PIGEON)



Scientific name: *Columba livia*

Size: 14" (35 cm)

Shape: Large with broad tail

Color: Gray with whitish rump; 2 black wing bars

Habitat: Cities, farms, cliffs, bridges

Food: Seeds, waste grain, insects, fruits

Range: All of North America

Nest: Covered building ledges that resemble cliffs

Other: Old World origin; World-wide domestication; Nods head when walking





## HOUSE SPARROW



Scientific Name: *Passer domesticus*

Size: 6" (15 cm)

Shape: Small perching bird, shorter legs and thicker bills than native species

Color: Black throat, white cheeks, chestnut nape

Habitat: Cities, farms

Range: All of North America

Food: Insects, seeds

Nest: In cavities and bird boxes

Other: Introduced to U.S. in 1850 from England



## MOURNING DOVE



Scientific Name: *Zenaida macroura*

Size: 12" (30 cm)

Shape: Smaller and slimmer than Rock Dove; pointed tail with white spots

Color: Brown

Habitat: Farms, towns, open woods, scrub roadsides, grasslands

Range: All of North America

Food: Seeds, waste grain, insects, fruits

Nest: Wide variety including clumps of grass

## KESTREL



Scientific Name: *Falco sparvius*

Size: 10 ½" (27 cm)

Shape: Small falcon shape with banded reddish colored tail.

Color: Russet (reddish-brown) back and tail, double black stripes on white face

Habitat: Open country and in cities

Food: Insects, reptiles, and other small animals

Range: All of North America

Nest: Old tree nesting holes of flickers, hollows in trees, holes in cliffs



## CACTUS WREN



Scientific Name: *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*

Size: 8 1/2 " (22 cm)

Shape: Chunky bird with slender, slightly curved bill

Color: Dark crown, streaked back, heavily barred wings and tail; broad white eyebrow

Habitat: cactus country, arid hillsides and valleys

Food: Insects and spiders

Range: Southwest region of North America

Nest: Bulky nests tucked into the spines of plants and cacti

Other: State Bird of Arizona





## GILA WOODPECKER



Scientific Name: *Melanerpes carolinus*

Size: 9 1/4" (24cm)

Shape: Long sharp bill, short legs, stiff tail feathers

Color: Black and white barred rump

Habitat: Towns, scrub deserts, cactus country, streamside woods

Food: Insects

Range: Southwest Arizona, Baja peninsula, Western coast of Mexico

Nest: Cavities in saguaro cactus



## KILLDEER



Scientific Name: *Charadrius vociferus*

Size: 10 1/2 "(27 cm)

Shape: Pigeon-like bills, large eyes, and long legs

Color: Two black breastbands; reddish-orange rump visible in flight

Habitat: Grassy fields and on shores

Food: Small aquatic life, insects, some vegetable matter

Range: West coast and southern half of North America

Nest: On open ground, usually on gravel