

Backyard Birds of Knoxville



White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)

Common feeder bird who got his name due to his habit of jamming large nuts or acorns into tree barks, and hitting them with his bill to "hatch" out seeds.



Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*)

Not to be confused with the red-headed woodpecker, a much rarer species. May be able to attract them with feeders if near wood patches.



Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*)

Frequent visitor of deciduous forests and feeders, especially during winter. Prefers sunflower seeds but will eat suet, and peanuts.



American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

Common on lawns, often seen digging earthworms out of ground.



American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*)

Abundant little bird easily found at feeders with sunflower or thistle seeds. Attracted to native thistles and milkweed.



Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)

Common, large songbird known for its intelligence and fondness for acorns. Prefers tray or hopper feeders on posts.

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)

The official state bird of Tennessee, often seen in backyards. It sings almost endlessly, and will actively harass birds that impede on its territory.



Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)

Due to conservation efforts over the years, it's even more likely now to attract this bird to yards if food is offered or if there are nest boxes present.



Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*)

Very abundant in patches of woods during the summer. Will visit suet-filled feeders during winter.



Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)

Very common and conspicuous non-migratory bird known for visiting any feeder. Prefers sunflower seeds.



Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*)

Occasionally known to nest in nest tubes or nest boxes. Put sawdust or wood shaving in them if you want to attract a breeding pair.



Downy Woodpecker (*Dryobates pubescens*)

Familiar sight in parks, woodlots, and at backyard feeders. Often seen balancing on tiny branches foraging for food.

