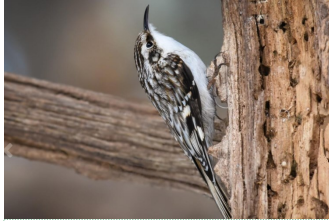




# BIRDS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON



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**BROWN CREEPER**   
*Certhia Americana*

**Found:** Crawling up tree trunks  
**Food:** Small insects & spiders  
**Colors:** Streaked brown & tan on back with a white belly, thin & fairly long black beak.



**DARK-EYED JUNCO**   
*Junco hyemalis*

**Found:** On ground or shrubs  
**Food:** Seeds  
**Colors:** Black from head to shoulders. Light brown wings and back. Distinct white outer tail feathers, black inner tail feathers (visible in flight). Pink beak.



**SPOTTED TOWHEE**   
*Pipilo maculatus*

**Found:** On ground, in leaf litter  
**Food:** Insects, acorns, seeds, berries  
**Colors:** Black or grey head to shoulders, red eyes. Black wings with white spots, black tail feathers. Red-orange flanks, white belly.



**RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH**   
*Sitta canadensis*

**Found:** Creeping up, down, sideways on tree trunks.  
**Food:** Insects  
**Colors:** Black cap & stripe through eye, white stripe over and under eye. Blue-grey wings and russet belly.



**BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE**   
*Poecile atricapillus*

**Found:** Swooping through trees & shrubs, in flocks.  
**Food:** Insects  
**Colors:** Black cap and bib. White cheeks. Gray wings edged with white. Soft buff belly. Small black beak.



**CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE**   
*Poecile rufescens*

**Found:** Swooping through trees & shrubs in flocks.  
**Food:** Insects  
**Colors:** Black cap and bib, white cheeks. Rich chestnut – brown back and flanks. Gray-black wings. Small black beak.



**ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD**   
*Calypte anna*

**Found:** Hovering over flowering plants  
**Food:** Nectar  
**Colors:** Mostly green & gray bodies & wings. Males have iridescent pink throats. Females have green heads.



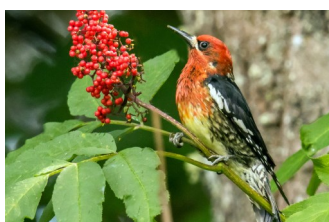
**RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD**   
*Sitta canadensis*

**Found:** Hovering above flowering plants  
**Food:** Nectar  
**Colors:** Males are rust-colored on back and belly. Bright red throat. Females are greenish gray above with rusty flanks.



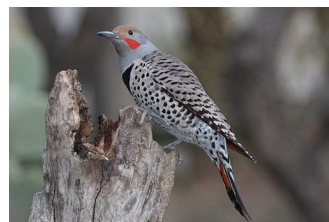
**VARIED THRUSH**   
*Ixoreus naevius*

**Found:** On the ground in small openings, or perched in understory.  
**Food:** Insects, berries, nuts.  
**Colors:** Dark blue-gray back, rust belly & gray-black breast-band. Orange line over the eye. Black & orange wings.



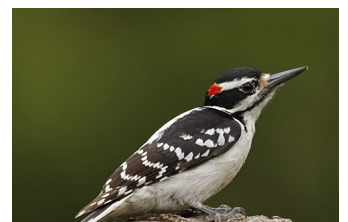
**RED BREASTED SAPSUCKER**   
*Sphyrapicus ruber*

**Found:** Clinging to tree sides  
**Food:** Sap, insects, fruit, seeds  
**Colors:** Red head and breast with a white spot between eye and the bill. Back is mottled black and white. Wings are black with a large vertical white



**NORTHERN FLICKER**   
*Colaptes auratus*

**Found:** Open woodlands, yards  
**Food:** Insects, fruits, seeds  
**Colors:** Brownish overall with a white rump patch. Undersides, back, and wings are heavily spotted. Cheeks have flashes of bright red. Wings & tail are red underneath.



**HAIRY WOODPECKER**   
*Leuconotopicus villosus*

**Found:** Forests, suburbs.  
**Food:** Mostly insects  
**Colors:** Black wings checkered with white. Head has two white stripes. Males have flash of red at back of the head. Large white patch runs down the center of the black back.



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**CEDAR WAXWING**   
*Bombycilla cedrorum*

**Found:** In berry bushes, & treetops, in flocks  
**Food:** Fruits  
**Colors:** Pale brown head. Yellow belly fades to grey on wings. Tail is gray with a bright yellow tip. Face has a narrow black mask outlined in white.



**AMERICAN ROBIN**   
*Turdus migratorius*

**Found:** Digging in open woodlands, in flocks in trees  
**Food:** Worms, insects, fruits  
**Colors:** Gray-brown birds with rust underparts and dark heads. White patch on the lower belly and under the tail. Yellow beak. Round body.



**YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER**   
*Setophaga coronata*

**Found:** Foraging in trees  
**Food:** Mainly insects  
**Colors:** In spring & summer, slate gray with flashes of white in wings. Yellow chin, sides, and rump. In winter, paler brown, with yellow rump.



**SWAINSON'S THRUSH**   
*Catharus ustulatus*

**Found:** On tree branches, sometimes on ground.  
**Food:** Insects, some fruits.  
**Colors:** Medium-brown wings with pale belly and haunches. Dark brown spots on neck and belly. White "spectacles" around eyes.



**PACIFIC WREN**   
*Troglodytes pacificus*

**Found:** Hopping & bobbing through understory & ground.  
**Food:** Insects  
**Colors:** Light brown overall, with darker brownish-black barring on wings, tail, & belly. Thin long beak. Short, upturned tail.



**GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET**   
*Regulus satrapa*

**Found:** High in trees.  
**Food:** Insects  
**Colors:** Olive upper body, gray below. Black-and-white striped face and bright yellow-orange patch on head.



**STELLER'S JAY**   
*Cyanocitta stelleri*

**Found:** Forests, backyards  
**Food:** Omnivore. Nuts & seeds, berries, insects, eggs.  
**Colors:** This jay has a jaunty black crest on the head, which head is charcoal black. The body is all blue (lightest, almost sparkling, on the wings).



**COMMON RAVEN**   
*Corvus corax*

**Found:** Forests, fields, farms  
**Food:** Small animals, fish, berries, insects, human food, eggs  
**ID:** About 1.5x the size of an American crow, with a thick neck, shaggy throat feathers, and a Bowie knife of a beak.



**COOPER'S HAWK**   
*Accipiter cooperii*

**Found:** In tree canopies, high branches.  
**Food:** Medium-sized birds.  
**Colors:** Blue-gray wings and head. Grayish cheeks. Reddish and white belly. 14-17 inches in length.



**GREAT HORNED OWL**   
*Bubo virginianus*

**Found:** Tree branches, edge of openings.  
**Food:** Small mammals, birds, fish, insects.  
**Colors:** Mottled gray-brown, reddish-brown face and white patch on throat. Large dark ear tufts on head.



**BARRED OWL**   
*Strix varia*

**Found:** In trees.  
**Food:** Small animals  
**Colors:** Mottled brown and white, with dark brown eyes. Vertical brown bars on white underparts. Rounded head. Wings & tail barred brown & white.



**PILEATED WOODPECKER**   
*Dryocopus pileatus*

**Found:** Pecking on tree trunks.  
**Food:** Ants, beetle, larvae, termites.  
**Colors:** Almost crow-sized, mostly-black body with bold and white stripes down neck and a red crest on head.