



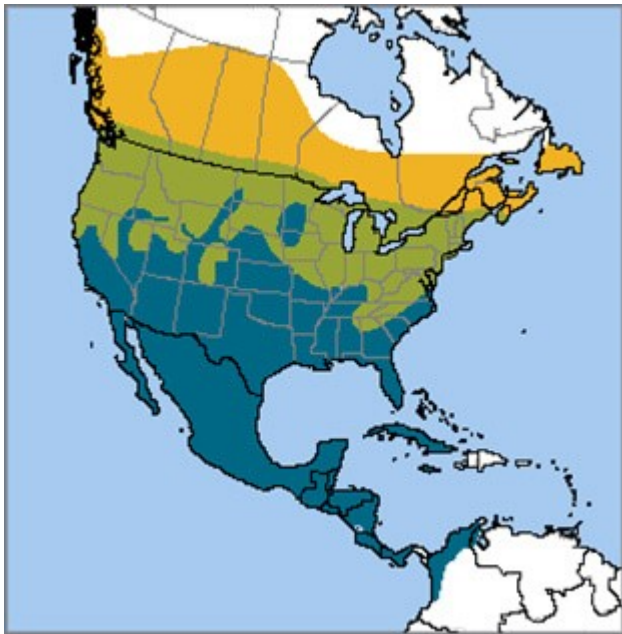
Cedar Waxwing

The Cedar waxwing's genus name, *Bombycilla*, means “silk-tail” and refers to its dapper-looking plumage. The species name, *cedrorum*, is Latin for “of the cedars” and reflects its fondness for the small cones of the eastern red cedar.

One of this bird's most distinctive features is the bright-red, waxy tips on its secondary wing feathers, the result of its fruit-heavy diet.

The “wax” tipping of the Cedar waxwing's secondary wing feathers is actually an accumulation of the organic pigment astaxanthin, a carotenoid that gives red fruits their colour. The tips increase in number and size with an individual's age, and immature birds may show no red wingtips at all. Some scientists speculate that waxwings evolved these waxy tips to signal important information—such as age and social status—to other birds within the flock.

The waxwing's striking yellow tail tip is also the result of the carotenoids that colour the fruit this species loves to eat. In recent years, waxwings eating the fruits of an introduced honeysuckle have grown orange-tailed tips instead!



Cedar waxwings breed much later in the year than other songbirds, to coincide with the availability of summer-ripening fruits. When courting, the male waxwing performs a hopping dance for the female; if she is interested, she will dance with him and the pair hops back and forth together. Courting waxwings will also sit together and pass small objects back and forth, such as flower petals, a berry, or an insect, in a demonstration of their devotion.

Cedar waxwings are vocal birds sounding off with high-pitched cricket-like whistles and buzzy, ascending trills, often described as “sree.” They call constantly, particularly in flight, and are often heard before they are seen.

This species is nomadic, and non-territorial, showing up where food sources are most abundant and then moving on.

Cedar Waxwing range: Northern areas: breeding |
Middle areas: year-round | Southern areas:
nonbreeding.



Gorget: A distinctive patch of colour on an animal's throat, often found on hummingbirds. This striking bit of avian anatomy is named for a piece of armor used in Europe in the 1600s and 1700s that protected the neck, nape, shoulders and upper chest.

Gorget

ACTING HUMMINGBIRDS IN AUGUST

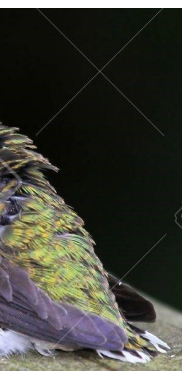
of age, the little baby hummingbirds are now looking more like a real hummingbird. They their wings more and more in preparation for flight. In the next few days, these little baby fly away as real adult hummingbirds, never to return back to the nest.

Hummingbird will still feed their fledglings for two to three days after leaving the nest. During will show them all the good places to catch bugs and get nectar. Then she will chase them off own.

ngs are now looking for a territory of their own with flowering nectar plants and perhaps a feeder. If you have the right set up in your backyard, they may settle in your yard as their ry and when they return next spring they will return to your yard perhaps to raise their own

Attract hummingbirds: Trumpet honeysuckle, Delphinium, Bleeding heart, Bee balm, uschia.

ing sugar water in a hummingbird feeder (The Wild Bird Store recommends a "saucer" to e which can attract unwanted pests such as ants and hornets), remember to change the solu- days and even more often if the weather is hot!



Fledgling
Ruby-throated
hummingbird



"Saucer" shaped Aspects
Hummingbird feeder

Saturday Morning Bird Walks With Jim St. Laurent



Jim's years of guiding bird walks has been instrumental in teaching "birders" how to get the most out of their birding excursions. Children 12 and older are most welcome as long as accompanied by an adult and have purchased a ticket through Eventbrite.ca

All participants on any bird walk must have purchased a ticket through Eventbrite.ca and present the ticket to Jim prior to the bird walk.

Saturday August 5, 2023 Bebo Grove Fish Creek Park

(9:00am meet at 24th Street parking lot)

Ticket Price: \$6.00 +GST +fees

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Saturday August 19, 2023 Burnsmead Fish Creek Park

(9:00am meet 153 Avenue SE—1st parking lot by water treatment plant)

Ticket price: \$6.00 +GST +fees

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Saturday September 2, 2023 Frank Lake Day Trip **please bring lunch**

(9:00am meet rear parking lot behind The Wild Bird Store)

Ticket price: \$6.00 +GST +fees

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Saturday September 16, 2023 Elliston Park/68th Street at Wetlands

(9:00am meet in East Elliston parking lot at 68th Street on right side before getting to the landfill)

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Saturday September 30, 2023 Inglewood Bird Sanctuary—9th Avenue S.E.

(9:00am meet in parking lot at Bird Sanctuary)

Ticket price: \$6.00 +GST +fees

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UPLAND SANDPIPER

Referred to as the shorebird of the prairies, the Upland sandpiper (known as "uppies" to birders) spends little time near water and is an obligate grassland species. It commonly perches on fence posts with wings raised after landing. The call of the Upland sandpiper is unique and commonly referred to as a wolf whistle. When frightened, it runs a short distance and then freezes in an attempt to blend into its background.

They have a relatively wide range, breeding as far north as Alaska and wintering as far south as Argentina. They spend their winters in Northeastern Argentina, Uruguay, and Southern Brazil.



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Frank lake

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QUESTION: A friend recently told me that birds can sometimes get drunk, even to the point of flying into glass windows. Is that true?

RESPONSE: Yes, it is indeed true! I recall a report from Gilbert, Minnesota whereupon folks in that town were calling the local police to say that birds were flying into windows and cars in an erratic manner. It seemed like the birds were intoxicated, they said. Well, in fact that is exactly what was going on. Due to an early frost, the berries had fermented earlier than usual and the sugar in the berries, crab apples and other fruits ingested by birds turned into alcohol as they lose moisture. We mostly see this type of behavior in Robins and Waxwings, both species being huge fruit-eaters. While likely all of them consuming fermented fruits do experience some level of intoxication, some really overdo it and end up as window or road kill. When I delved further into this matter, I came across an article describing the phenomenon in Canada's Yukon, Whitehorse to be exact. Meghan Larivee, a former student and employee at my avian research centre at McGill University described placing a bunch of tipsy Cedar waxwings into "drunk tanks" or modified hamster cages. The birds had come in with juice-stained beaks and were unable to fly or walk in a coordinated way. "Definitely flying under the influence," she said. But it is a problem that we might end up seeing more and more due to climate warming. It could cause increased frequencies of frosts and thaws, more periods of fermentation, and more intoxicated birds and not all having happy endings. If you find a seemingly drunk bird, just put it in a cardboard box with air holes and a towel on the floor for gripping until it sobers up. It is not yet known whether birds experience hangovers.

Check out this article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/birds-drunk-fermented-fruit-1.4892283>



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Monday, August 7, 2023

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