

Bird Call Recognition for Beginners

- Birds have a variety of calls and songs.
- Vocalizations vary depending on their purpose:
 - defense of territory
 - warning
 - to attract a mate
- Simple phrases, called mnemonics, can help you remember and recognize bird calls.
 - Check field guides for additional mnemonics or make up your own



Calls of Common Birds - Links are to [www. AllAboutBirds.org](http://www.AllAboutBirds.org) by the Cornell Lab.

Bird *Click on name for photo and call.* **Selected Call - mnemonics**

American goldfinch..... tweeee-eeet, tweeee-eeet / potato chip, potato chip

American robin.....cheerio cheer-me-up, cheerio cheer-me-up

Barred owl.....who cooks for you, who cooks for you all?

Belted kingfisher.....tcherrrrrr, tcherrrrrr, tcherrrrrr, tcherrrrrr

Blue jay.....jay jay jay!

Chickadee, Black-capped.....chick-a-dee, chick-a-dee-dee-dee / feebee

Crow, American.....caw! caw!

Eastern bluebird.....cheer, cheerful, charmer / chur-wee

Eastern Phoebe.....fee-be (note that chickadee makes a similar call)

Eastern Towhee.....drink your teeeeeee, bring me some teeeeeee

Northern Cardinal..... what-cheer, what-cheer, what-cheer

Tufted Titmouse..... peter, peter, peter

White-breasted nuthatch.....yank, yank



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