My New York City Bird Book

Northern Cardinal

Male Cardinals can be easily spotted in wooded areas because of their bright red colors as well as their loud calls. Females can be identified by their subdued reddish hue and their orange beak. Bring cardinals closer to home by putting out sunflower seeds.

Feet:

Beak:

Color:

All Year Round

Mallard Duck

One can spot Mallard Ducks in city parks that have lakes or ponds. The male Mallards have bright green heads whereas the females tend to be completely brown.

Feet:

Beak:

Color:

All Year Round

Red-tailed Hawk

Red-tailed Hawks will most likely be found in the sky, soaring above the city looking for rats and pigeons to prey on. They can be identified by their reddish tailfeathers and rounded wings with dark bars on the edges.

Feet:

Beak:

Color:
Red-bellied Woodpecker

Find these red-headed birds on the trunk of trees all year round. Getting to know their specific calls and pecking sounds will help you locate them.

Feet: [Image]
Beak: [Image]
Color: [Image]

Seasons: All Year Round

Great Blue Heron

To find a Great Blue Heron, look for them standing very still on shores of rivers, lakes, or wetlands. In flight, one can recognize the unique shape of the heron by its folded neck and outstretched legs.

Feet: [Image]
Beak: [Image]
Color: [Image]

Seasons: All Year Round

American Gold Finch

If you see a bright dash of yellow at your feeder, it might just be an American Goldfinch. These birds come to New York in early spring to visit bird feeders and eat seeds from native plants.

Feet: [Image]
Beak: [Image]
Color: [Image]

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

American Robin

The American Robin will most likely be seen walking or running on a lawn searching for worms. They have an orange breast and black head and are common to see all over New York.

Feet: [Image]
Beak: [Image]
Color: [Image]

Seasons: All Year Round
Laughing Gull

You will find the Laughing Gull near beaches where they gather in bigger groups. They gain their distinctive black head during summer mating season but will develop a whitish grey one in the colder seasons. These birds will eat about anything and make their nests together on isolated islands.

Great Egret

Great Egrets are tall, white, slow moving birds usually found wading in water. They have long legs that hold them at the perfect angle for catching their aquatic prey.

Blue Jay

Blue Jays are common song birds in New York with bright blue and black striped wings and a loud distinctive call. They love eating acorns and seeds from a feeder.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is our smallest bird and only type of hummingbird we have here in New York. They love sucking nectar from flowers and beat their wings so vigorously that they usually appear just as a blur. Encourage hummingbirds by planting flowers or hanging sugar water from a feeder.
Northern Flicker

*The northern flicker is a beautifully patterned woodpecker with a red head and bright yellow tail feathers. It has a unique up and down flight pattern and often can be found flying over open areas.*

**Feet:** 

**Beak:** 

**Color:**

Seasons:

- All Year Round

Baltimore Oriole

*Baltimore Orioles will start to show up in late spring perching high in the treetops. Lure them into view with a sweet orange slice or hummingbird feeder. Look for their unique hanging nests and listen for their loud calls.*

**Feet:** 

**Beak:** 

**Color:**

Seasons:

- Spring, Summer

Common Yellowthroat

*In the spring, you might be able to spot this small, bright warbler as it arrives up in NYC. Mostly they can be found in both fields and woods looking for insects low to the ground.*

**Feet:** 

**Beak:** 

**Color:**

Seasons:

- Spring, Summer

Osprey

*Ospreys are large hawks that tend to live near bodies of water. They are known for their amazing ability to see fish from a great height and how they can dive into the water catching the fish with their incredible sharp talons.*

**Feet:** 

**Beak:** 

**Color:**

Seasons:

- All Year Round