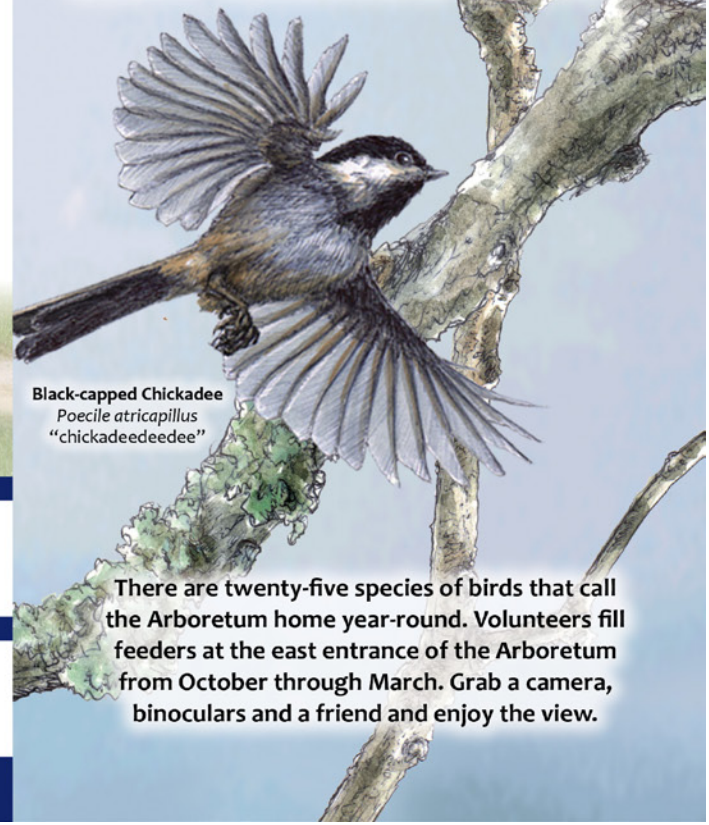




Birds of the Pierre Native Plant Arboretum and Nature Area



Black-capped Chickadee
Poecile atricapillus
"chickadeedeede"

There are twenty-five species of birds that call the Arboretum home year-round. Volunteers fill feeders at the east entrance of the Arboretum from October through March. Grab a camera, binoculars and a friend and enjoy the view.

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In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird in the field, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and see if it has any of the following field marks:

Field Marks

Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata
harsh "jayy"

- wing bars**
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?
- tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?
- tail markings**
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?
- belly**
What color is the bird's belly?
- side**
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?
- breast**
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?
- throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?
- beak or bill**
What shape and color are the beak?
- eyebrow**
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?
- eyestripe**
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?
- crown**
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?
- nape**
Is the bird's nape a different color?
- breast**
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?
- side**
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?
- belly**
What color is the bird's belly?
- wing bars**
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?
- tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

Birds of the Arboretum

When trying to identify a bird, the first things to look for are location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise, or on the ground digging in leaves? Next, think about size and shape. Is it big like a crow or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? Finally, you can use field marks to identify birds – flip to the side panel to discover how.

Circle the birds you find on your hike today!

Dark-eyed Junco
Junco hyemalis
short, musical trill

Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
whistles “woit woit
chew chew chew.”

Northern Flicker
Colaptes auratus
“kwikwikwikwik”

American Robin
Turdus migratorius
“plurri, kliwi, plurri, kliwi”

Downy Woodpecker
Picoides pubescens
“Pik, pik, pik”

American Goldfinch
Carduelis tristis
“per-chik-o-ry”
in flight

Ring-necked Pheasant
Phasianus colchicus
loud, harsh “uurk-iik”

White-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta carolinensis
nasal “yenk... yenk”

House Sparrow
Passer domesticus
series of “cheep” or “chirrup”

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American Tree Sparrow
Spizella arborea
“swee swee ti sidi
see zidi zidi zew”

