

Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata
harsh "jayy"

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?

wing bars
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

nape
Is the bird's nape a different color?

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?

eyebrow
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

beak or bill
What shape and color are the beak?

throat
Is the bird's throat a different color?

crown
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

eyestripe
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, 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

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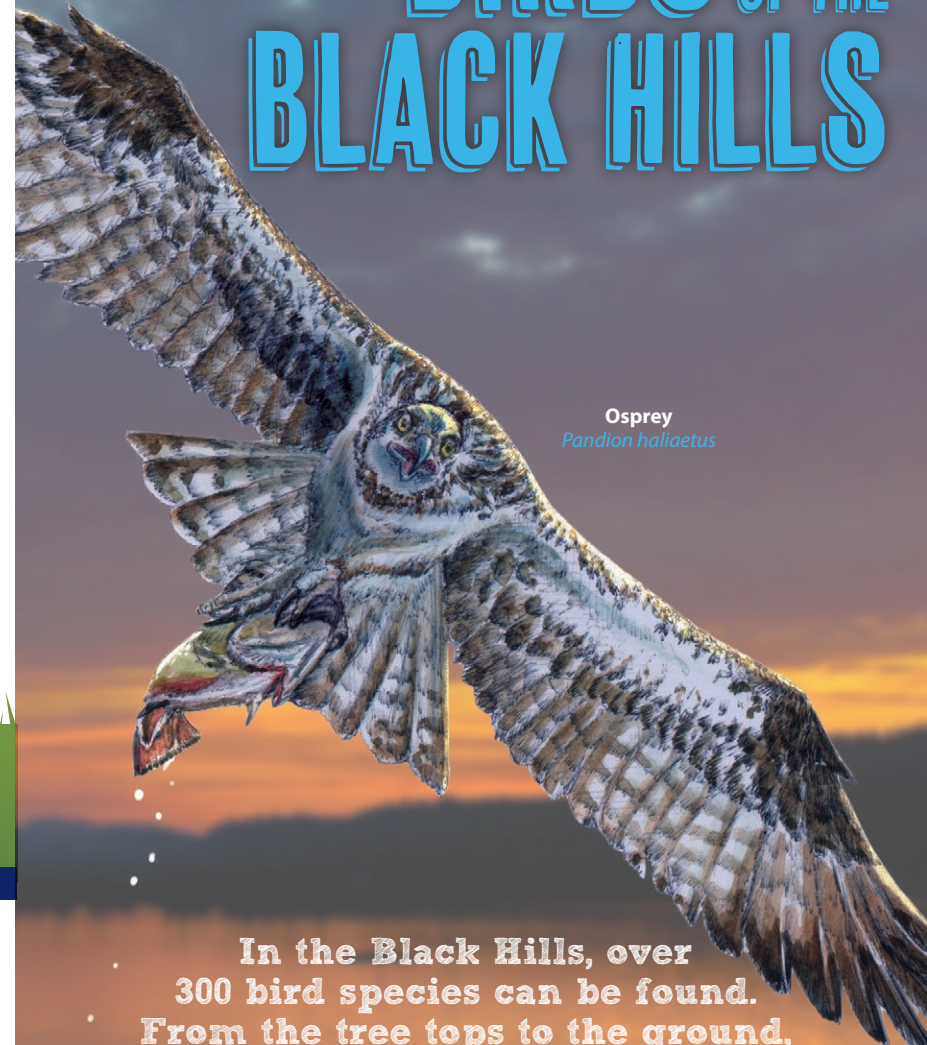
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BIRDS OF THE BLACK HILLS



Osprey
Pandion haliaetus

In the Black Hills, over 300 bird species can be found. From the tree tops to the ground, whether by sight or sound, birds can be found all around.

Use this brochure to help guide your birding adventure.

BIRDS OF THE BLACK HILLS

Dark-eyed Junco
(white-winged)
Junco hyemalis
Tik (call)



Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis
chewww (raspy scream)



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
hsssss (warning)



Canada Jay
(Gray Jay)
Perisoreus canadensis
Soft with clicks (whisper song)



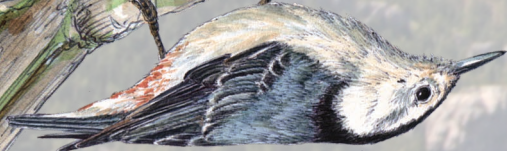
Black-capped Chickadee
Parus atricapillus
Fee-bee,
or fee-bee-ee



American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
caww caww



White-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta carolinensis
Anh, anh, anh (nasally)



Downy Woodpecker
Picoides pubescens
Pik, pik, pik



American Robin
Turdus migratorius
plurri, kliwi, plurri, kliwi



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis
h-ronk (honks)



Mountain Bluebird
Sialia currucoides
Terr (low call)



Red-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta canadensis
Nyak, nyak (nasally)

