



## Bird Song Mnemonics

### Winter Birds

Black-capped Chickadee – “Hey sweetie” or “chicka-dee-dee-dee”

American Robin – “Cheerio. Cheery-me. Cheerio. Cheery-me.”

Tufted Titmouse – “Peter Peter Peter”

Blue Jay – “Jay! Jay! Jay! Jay!”

American Crow – “Caw Caw Caw”

Northern Cardinal – (Star Wars light saber)

American Goldfinch – “Potato chip. Potato chip.” (dips in flight)

White-breasted Nuthatch – “Yank yank yank” (sung through your nose)

Downy Woodpecker – “peeeeeeeek” descending horse whinny

Barred Owl – “Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you alllllllll!”

Great-horned Owl – “Who’s awake? Me too.”

### Migratory Birds

Red-winged Blackbird – “conc-la-REE”

Eastern Phoebe – “Fee-bee” (with a scratchy , annoyed tone of voice)

Song Sparrow – “Maids, maids, maids, put on your tea kettle-ettle-ettle-ettle”

White-throated Sparrow – “Oh, sweet Canada, Canada, Canada,” (sweet, clear song)

Ovenbird – “pizza, pizza, pizza, **pizza**”

Red-eyed Vireo – “Look at me.... Way up high.... . Over here.... In a tree.”

Yellow Warbler – “sweet, sweet, sweet, I’m so sweet”

Chestnut-sided Warbler – “Pleased, pleased, pleased to meet you.”

Common Yellowthroat (Bandit Bird) – “Witchety-witchety-witchety-witchety” (slow, bouncy song)