

# What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high, making noise? Or is it on the ground, digging in leaves? Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? What color is it? And what sort of markings does it have? These things can help you identify the birds you are looking at!

## Check off the birds you find on your hike today!

**Eastern Bluebird**  
*Sialia sialis*  
Likes open grassy fields like picnic areas



**Pine Warbler**  
*Setophaga pinus*  
Small and yellow, often eat in groups on the ground



**Eastern Towhee**  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*  
Whistles, "drink your teaaaaa," rustles leaves under shrubs



**Brown-headed Nuthatch**  
*Sitta pusilla*  
Sounds like a dog's squeaky toy, hops down tree trunk

**Northern Cardinal**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*  
Laser gun sound, red bird with black face



**Pileated Woodpecker**  
*Dryocopus pileatus*  
Biggest woodpecker, has pointed head

**Belted Kingfisher**  
*Megaceryle alcyon*  
Very loud, quick chitter as it flies



**Canada Goose**  
*Branta canadensis*  
Eats grass as well as aquatic plants



**Tufted Titmouse**  
*Baeolophus bicolor*  
Calls "peter-peter-peter", has pointed gray head



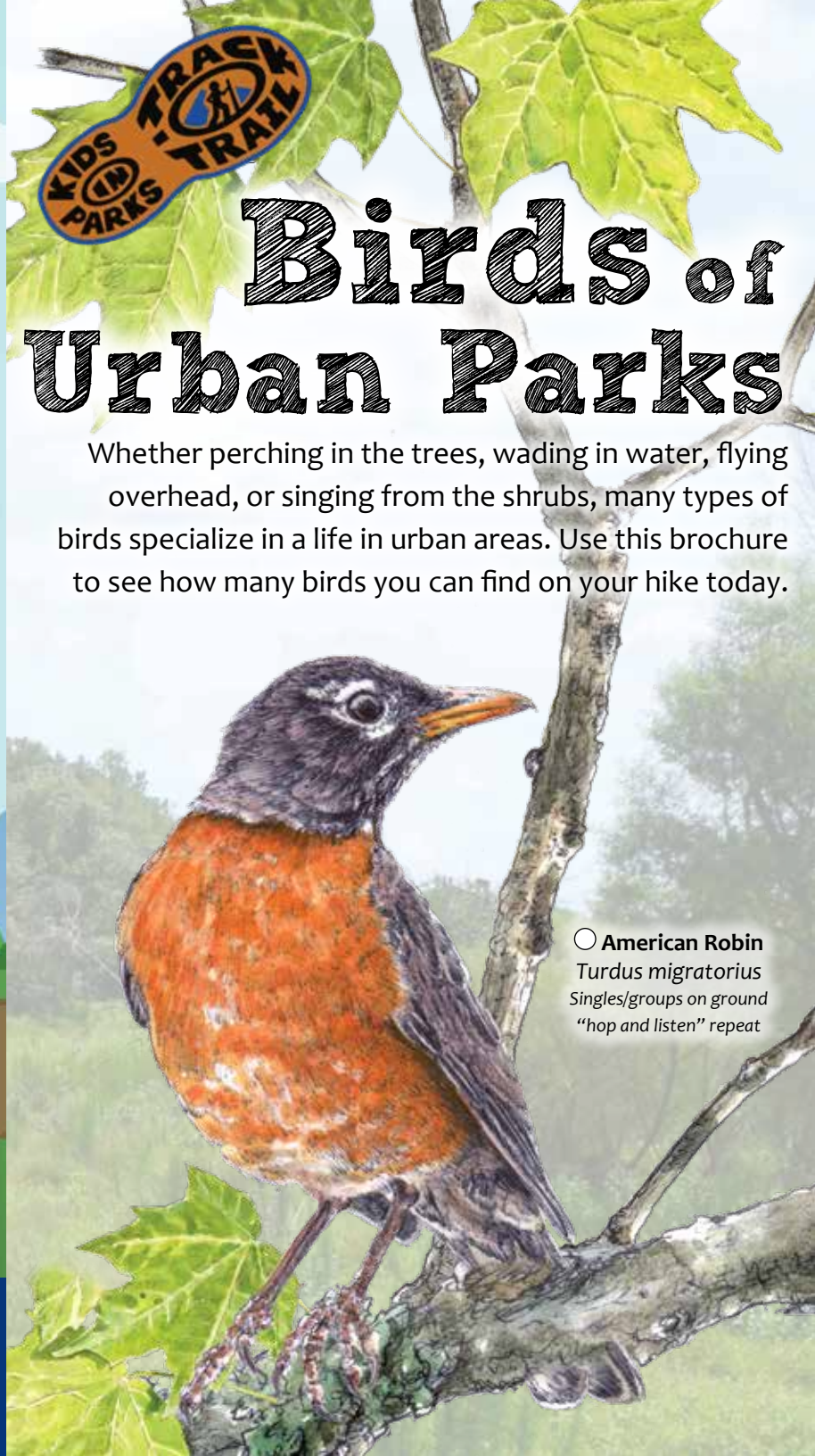
**American Crow**  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
Often loudly caw and chase hawks and owls away



**Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
*Melanerpes carolinus*  
Red mohawk cut - bigger and brighter for boys







# Birds of Urban Parks

Whether perching in the trees, wading in water, flying overhead, or singing from the shrubs, many types of birds specialize in a life in urban areas. Use this brochure to see how many birds you can find on your hike today.

**American Robin**  
*Turdus migratorius*  
 Singles/groups on ground  
 "hop and listen" repeat



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## Field Marks

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:

**wing bars**  
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

**nape**  
Is the bird's nape a different color?

**eyestripe**  
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

**eyebrow**  
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

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

**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?

**Chipping Sparrow**  
*Spizella passerina*  
 Excessively long quick chipping song