

Have you been watching birds from your window? You may have heard them singing in the morning. This is the time of the year birds are building their nests and laying eggs.

**Can you find these birds in your yard or on your daily walk?**



**Robin**

You can find Robins with their red bellies, brown bodies, and yellow beaks in gardens and trees. They eat earthworms and berries and snack on caterpillars and grasshoppers.

Robins are one of the first birds to lay their eggs in the spring laying blue eggs in a nest made in a tree from bits of grass. Baby robins learn to fly two weeks after they hatch. They fly south in the fall and return to Canada in the spring. It's exciting to see the first robin in spring!

**Chickadee**

The chickadee is a small bird with short wings and tail. Chickadees look like they are wearing a black and white hat on their heads. Their body is gray and with white bellies. They have a short, black beak.

Chickadees are active, acrobatic, curious, social birds that live in flocks, They build their nests in a hole in a tree. The babies can fly in three weeks.

Black-capped chickadees stay in Canada all year long. In winter, they eat seeds and berries. In the summer, they eat insects.



**Crow**

Crows have black shiny feathers and they are very noisy with their loud 'caw-caw-caw' cry. Crows eat insects, fruit and nuts.

Crows lay four or five eggs in the spring. After hatching the babies stay in the nest for 5 weeks, then they begin to fly.

Crows are also very social and they stay in Canada all year. They like to live in suburban neighborhoods and parks with big trees.

**Blue Jay**

Blue Jays have bright blue, white and black feathers, with a white face and a blue crest (like a crown) on the top of their head. They use their strong beak to open nuts and acorns. They also eat fruits, grains and insects.

The Blue Jay has a large territory and likes to live in mixed wood forests. They usually stay for the winter and in the spring they build nests of moss, grass and mud in the branches of tall trees.

The baby birds are ready to fly 20 days after hatching.

