Common Backyard Birds of the Chicago Area

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Downy Woodpecker
Very common. Eats suet plugs, suet cakes, peanuts, sunflower, insects.

Hairy Woodpecker
Common. Eats suet plugs, suet cakes, peanuts, sunflower, insects.

Red-Bellied Woodpecker
Common. Eats suet plugs, suet cakes, peanuts, sunflower, insects, oranges.

Northern Cardinal
Very common. Prefers sunflower and safflower.

Blue Jay
Becoming common again. Eats peanuts and sunflower.

Mourning Dove
Very common. Eats all seed except peanuts.

Black-capped Chickadee
Becoming common again. Eats suet, sunflower, peanuts, safflower. Uses birdhouses.

White-Breasted Nuthatch
Fairly common. Eats sunflower, peanuts, safflower, suet.

Red-Breasted Nuthatch
Irruptive, sometimes common in winter. Eats peanuts, sunflower, safflower, suet.

Northern Flicker
Fairly common. Eats insects, suet plugs, suet cakes, peanuts.

House Wren
Common summer resident. Eats insects, uses bird houses.

House Finch
Common. Eats safflower, sunflower, and thistle.

American Goldfinch
Very common (year round). Eats nyjer/thistle, sunflower chips, sunflower.

Pine Siskin
Irruptive, sometimes common in winter. Eats nyjer/thistle, sunflower chips, sunflower.

Dark-Eyed Junco
Very common from mid-fall to mid-spring. Eats millet, cracked corn, nyjer/thistle.

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**White-Throated Sparrow**
Common mid-fall to mid-spring. Eats millet, cracked corn, shelled peanuts.

**Chipping Sparrow**
Common summer resident. Eats millet, cracked corn.

**Song Sparrow**
Fairly common during migration. Eats millet, cracked corn.

**House Sparrow**
Very common. Eats all seed types, especially millet and cracked corn.

**Cooper’s Hawk**
Common. Eats songbirds, especially Mourning Doves.

**American Robin**
Very common. Eats fruits, insects, and occasionally suet & sunflower chips in spring.

**Eastern Bluebird**

**Tree Swallow**
Common in open areas in summer. Eats insects, uses birdhouses.

**Ruby-Throated Hummingbird**

**Baltimore Oriole**
Common summer resident. Grape jelly, oranges, insects, berries, & sometimes suet.

**Indigo Bunting**
Less common summer resident. Eats nyjer/thistle, millet, insects.

**Rose-Breasted Grosbeak**
Less common summer resident. Eats safflower, sunflower, shelled peanuts, insects.

**Red-Winged Blackbird**
Very common. Eats all types of bird seed, insects.

**Common Grackle**
Common April-Mid October. Eats sunflower, peanuts, cracked corn, (not safflower).

**Brown-Headed Cowbird**
Common summer resident. Eats millet, cracked corn, sunflower, (not safflower).

**European Starling**
Very common. Shelled peanuts, sunflower, cracked corn, millet, (not safflower).

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