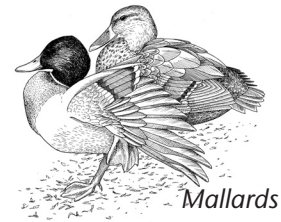
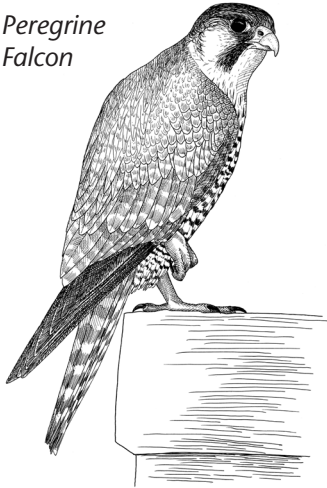


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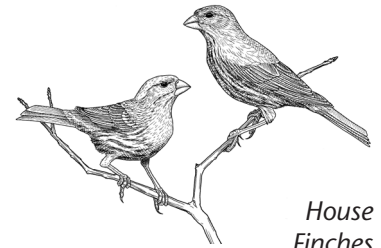
Peregrine
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Welcome to “Celebrate Urban Birds!”

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is delighted that you will be celebrating urban birds with us! Birding is like hunting for treasure and you may be surprised to learn how many different kinds of birds live in your city. **Participate in “Celebrate Urban Birds” through local organizations or on your own, anytime, anywhere.**

In this kit and at www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org, our web site, we offer materials and suggestions for celebratory activities such as gardening, bird watching, and art and citizen-science projects. There is lots of room for creativity in your efforts to raise awareness about birds in the city—and to help scientists learn how birds use urban habitats.



House
Finches

Please take this exciting opportunity to join others across the continent in improving our understanding of how birds use urban green spaces. You can make a difference. Just spend 10 minutes watching birds, check off which of the 16 target species you see, using the enclosed form, then send your information by Internet or by mail to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.



Baltimore Orioles

Enclosed is a beautiful **celebration poster**, designed by Katie Yamasaki, featuring city birds and lots of practical information about how to attract birds to a bird-friendly green space in your neighborhood. With the dwarf **sunflower seeds**, you can grow your own “natural birdfeeders” in pots and gardens. We’ve also included a **silhouette poster with “cool facts”** about urban birds. And we hope that you’ll return the enclosed **data form**, filled out with information from your 10-minute bird watch, whether you saw many birds or none. The **Zero Means A Lot sticker** will remind you to send in your data even when you see none of the target species, because it’s just as important to know where birds are seen as where they are not seen. If everyone sends in their data, this could be the largest urban bird monitoring effort ever!

Please be sure to check out www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org, the “Celebrate Urban Birds” web site, for lots of ideas and resources to make your celebration a great success! We hope you’ll tell us what you plan to do so that we can share your ideas on the web site. After your event, please send us your photos, artwork, poetry, and more. We’ll add them to the web site to encourage others to join in.

Send us your data! Have fun! Celebrate Urban Birds! Thanks again for your inspiring creativity and dedication.

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Cornell Lab of Ornithology

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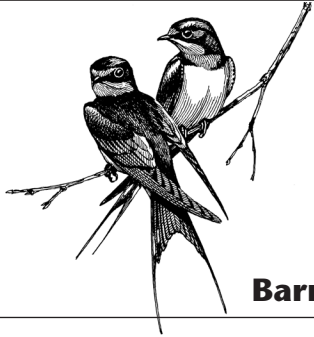
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American Robin



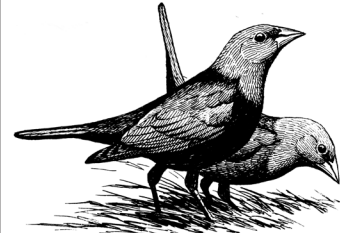
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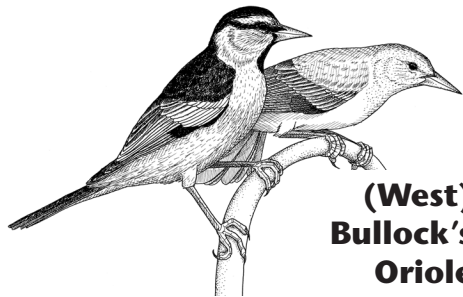
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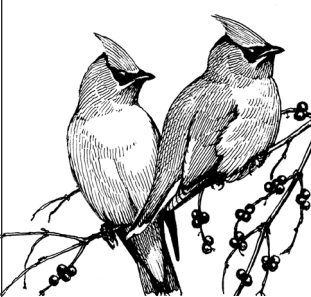
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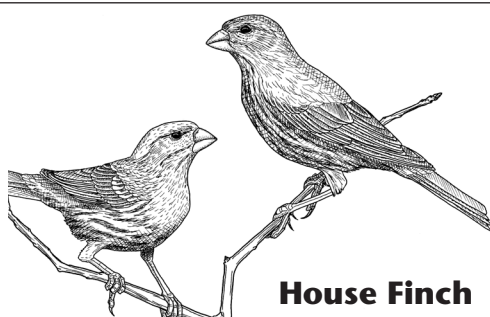
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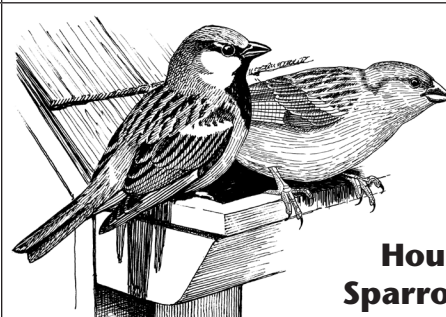
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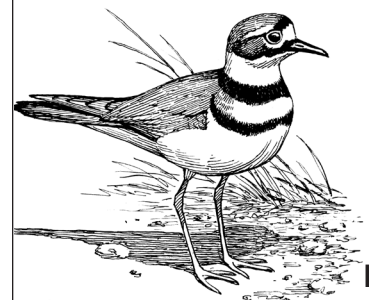
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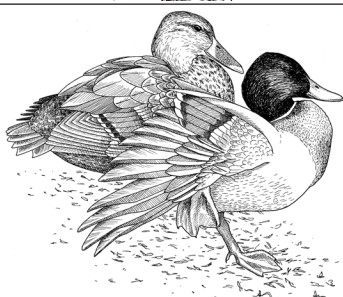
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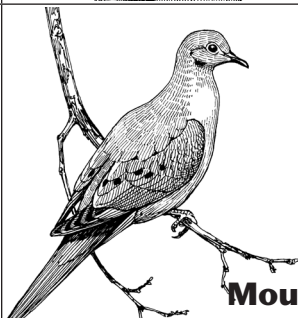
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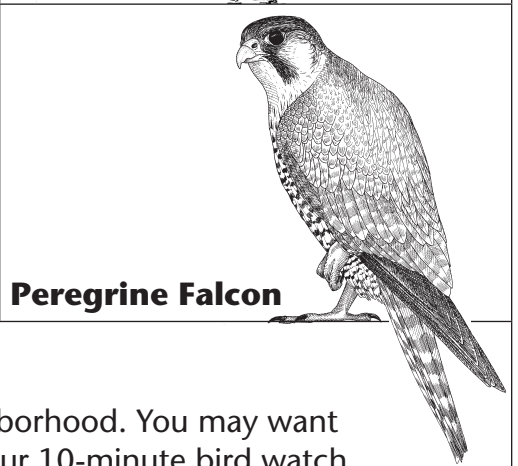
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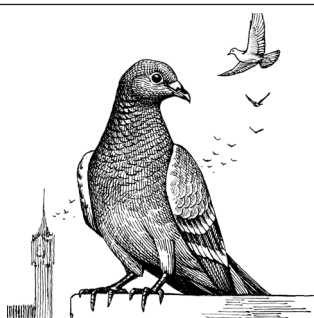
Mallard



Mourning Dove



Peregrine Falcon



**Rock
Pigeon**

Celebrate Urban Birds

Look for these birds in your neighborhood. You may want to bring this sheet when doing your 10-minute bird watch.

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