

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)



Identification:

- White wing patches
- Long black and white tail feathers
- Gray above
- White below
- Yellow eyes
- Black legs
- Slender bill
- Cardinal size
- Wing and tail feathers form white cross when flying

Song:

- Varied, mimics other sounds and birds
- 3 or more phrases repeated quickly
- Repetition distinguishes mockingbird from original species

Habitat:

- Forest edges
- Open habitat

Diet:

- Insects
- Berries

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)



Identification:

- Short very thick orange bill
- Red prominent crest on head
- Bright red color with black face and chin
- Males are red
- Females are red and brown

Song:

- Song sounds like “pretty, pretty, pretty” or “cheer, cheer, cheer”
- Loud, metallic chirp sound
- Very loud and territorial
- Both sexes sing

Habitat:

- Forest, backyards, parks, woodlots, dense shrubby areas
- Forage on the ground but perch high to sing
- Nest in dense tangles of shrubs

Diet:

- Seeds and fruit
- Some insects
- Often found at bird feeders

