

# Forest Birds in PEI

## Warblers

(males in breeding plumage)



**Warblers** are small birds with thin, pointed beaks. May is the best month to look for warblers because that is when most species are migrating north to their breeding grounds.

## Thrushes, Vireos, and Wrens



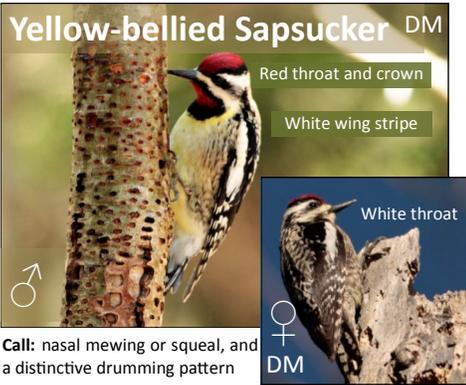
**Thrushes** have large eyes and slender bills. **Vireos** tend to be less active, and their bills are curved with a slight hook. **Wrens** are small, energetic birds with small, slightly curved bills, and cocked tails.



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## Woodpeckers (males and females)

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** DM

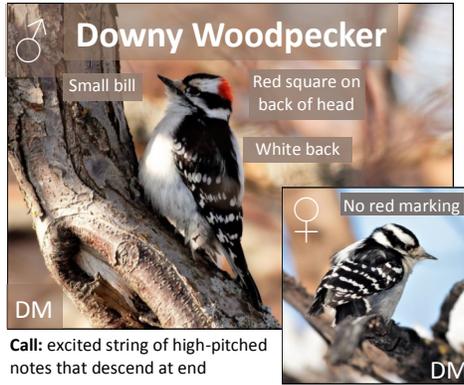


Red throat and crown  
White wing stripe  
White throat

♂  
♀ DM

Call: nasal mewing or squeal, and a distinctive drumming pattern

**Downy Woodpecker**



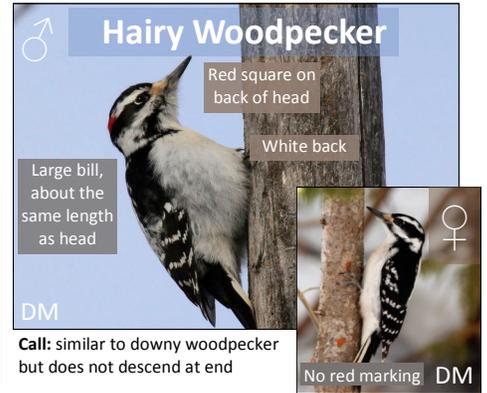
♂  
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Small bill  
Red square on back of head  
White back  
No red marking

DM DM

Call: excited string of high-pitched notes that descend at end

**Hairy Woodpecker**



♂  
♀

Red square on back of head  
White back  
Large bill, about the same length as head  
No red marking

DM DM

Call: similar to downy woodpecker but does not descend at end

**Woodpeckers** love dead and dying trees because they are full of their favourite food—**insects!**

**Northern Flicker** ♂



♂  
♀

White rump visible in flight  
Male has black mustache

DM

**Northern Flicker** ♀



♂  
♀

Red crescent on back of neck  
Call: "wicka wicka"

BM DM

**Flycatchers** are considered aerial insectivores because they feed on insects while in flight. Aerial insectivore populations everywhere are in decline.

## Flycatchers

**Least Flycatcher**



White eye ring  
Small flycatcher  
Two white wing bars  
Brown/olive back, white underneath

Call: "che-bek, che-bek" DM

★ **Olive-sided Flycatcher**



Large, stocky flycatcher  
Large head  
White centre of chest contrasts with gray sides  
Short tail

Call: "Quick three beers" DM

**Alder Flycatcher**



Small flycatcher  
Thin eye ring  
Dull, olive back  
Two lemony wing bars

Call: sharp "fee-bee-o" DM

## Nuthatches, Kinglets, Creepers and Chickadees

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**



Black line through eye, white line above  
Bill long, sharp, slightly upturned  
Reddish chest and belly

Call: Sounds like an alarm clock - "ank, ank, ank" BM

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**



Bill short and thin  
Golden crown  
Rounded body, short wings, skinny tail

Call: High-pitched "tsee, tsee, tsee" DM

**Brown Creeper**



Down-curved bill  
Well-camouflaged tree-climber  
Brown streaked above, white below

Call: "trees, trees, all-the-tall-trees" BG



**Black-capped Chickadee**



Short neck, large head with black cap  
Short bill

Call: "chickadee-dee-dee" or "cheeseburger" DM

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★ = Threatened species