

## Bird Song Mnemonics

The following table contains a track listing and an abbreviated mnemonic or description.

It is not a complete listing of the narration following each bird song recording on the audio CD.

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Track	Title	Mnemonic or Description
<u>1</u>	Bittern, American	<i>bloonk-a-doonk</i>
	Bittern, Least	<i>poopoopoopoo</i>
2	Blackbird, Brewer's	<i>whiskey</i>
	Blackbird, Red-winged	<i>konklaree</i>
3	Blackbird, Rusty	rusty hinge squeak
	Blackbird, Yellow-headed	<i>don't you dare</i>
4	Bluebird, Eastern	<i>cheer, cheerful charmer</i>
	Bobolink	long and bubbling
5	Bunting, Indigo	<i>fire, fire, where, where, here, here</i>
	Cardinal, Northern	<i>what cheer, what cheer, cheer cheer cheer</i>
6	Catbird, Grey	<i>meaw</i>
	Chat, Yellow-breasted	whistles, grunts and rattles
7	Chickadee, Black-capped	<i>chickadee-dee-dee</i> and <i>cheeseburger</i>
	Chickadee, Boreal	<i>check the day</i>
8	Chicken, Greater Prairie	blowing into Coke bottle
	Coot, American	clucks and trumpety call
9	Cowbird, Brown-headed	<i>bubble zee</i>
	Crane, Sandhill	resonant rattle
10	Creeper, Brown	high, thin, melodic whistle
	Crossbill, White-winged	<i>kip kip</i>
11	Crow, American	<i>crow</i> or <i>car</i>
	Cuckoo, Black billed	<i>coo coo coo</i>
12	Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	gutteral, rattling
	Dickcissel	<i>dick, dick, sizzle, sizzle</i>

	Dove, Rock	soft cooing and wing flaps
14	Dowitcher, Short-billed	rapid flight song
	Duck, Wood	<i>what? what? what?</i>
15	Eagle, Bald	<i>cree, cree, cree</i>
	Egret, Great	hoarse croaks
16	Finch, House	unrepeated phrases and veer
	Finch, Purple	paired phrases
17	Flicker, Yellow-shafted	<i>clear!</i>
	Flycatcher, Acadian	<i>pizza</i>
18	Flycatcher, Alder	<i>free beer</i>
	Flycatcher, Great-crested	<i>creep</i>
19	Flycatcher, Least	<i>chebek</i>
	Flycatcher, Olive-sided	<i>quick, three beers!</i>
20	Flycatcher, Willow	<i>fitz-bew</i>
	Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	<i>killit</i>
21	Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	thin, weezy notes
	Goldfinch, American	<i>potato chips and baby</i>
22	Goose, Canada	honking and barking
	Goshawk, Northern	repeated toy horn notes
23	Grackle, Common	<i>chack!</i>
	Grebe, Pied-billed	<i>cow, cow, cow, cowp, cowp</i>
24	Grosbeak, Evening	House Sparrow chips
	Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	metallic <i>chink</i>
25	Grouse, Ruffed	rhythmic thumping
	Gull, Ring-billed	in pain <i>aou, aou</i> and demented laughing
26	Hawk, Broad-winged	<i>tee-teeeeeee</i>
	Hawk, Red-shouldered	<i>keeyur, keeyur, keeyur</i>
27	Hawk, Red-tailed	<i>keeyurrr</i>
	Heron, Black-crowned Night	barking <i>guork</i>

	Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	rapid rattle
29	Jay, Blue	<i>jay, jay and tweedle-dee</i>
	Jay, Grey	<i>chuck chuck</i>
30	Junco, Dark-eyed	musical trills
	Kestrel, American	<i>kee, kee, kee</i>
31	Killdeer	<i>killdeer killdeer</i>
	Kingbird, Eastern	<i>cheer, cheerful charmer</i>
32	Kingfisher, Belted	uneven clattering
	Kinglet, Golden-crowned	begins very high
33	Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	fast ending, <i>jidit</i>
	Lark, Horned	accelerating tinkling warble
34	Loon, Common	maniacal yodeling
	Mallard	<i>quack quack</i>
35	Martin, Purple	<i>chew</i>
	Meadowlark, Eastern	<i>spring of the year</i>
36	Meadowlark, Western	flutelike, lower pitch
	Merlin	<i>kikikikiki</i>
37	Moorhen, Common	slowing clucks
	Nuthatch, Red-breasted	<i>ink, ink, ink</i>
38	Nuthatch, White-breasted	<i>wah-wah-wah-wah</i>
	Oriole, Baltimore	<i>her, here, come right here, dear</i>
39	Oriole, Orchard	complex, slurred ending
	Owl, Barred	<i>who cooks for you, who cooks for you all?</i>
40	Owl, Eastern Screech	sustained tremolo
	Owl, Great-horned	<i>hoo, hoo-hoo, hoo</i>
41	Owl, Long-eared	slow single hoots
	Owl, Northern Saw-whet	repeated whistles
42	Pewee, Eastern Wood	<i>peewee</i>
	Pheasant, Ring-necked	<i>cow cat</i>

	Plover, Semipalmated	<i>chewy, chewy</i>
44	Rail, Sora	laughlike whinny
	Rail, Virginia	<i>gidick, gidick, gididick</i>
45	Rail, Yellow	typewriter <i>tic-tic-tic, tic-tic</i>
	Raven, Common	baritone croaks
46	Robin, American	<i>cheerily, cheer up</i>
	Sandpiper, Baird's	rolling trill
47	Sandpiper, Pectoral	churts and creeps
	Sandpiper, Semipalmated	<i>tweedle dee dee</i>
48	Sandpiper, Spotted	repeated <i>peets</i> or <i>wees</i>
	Sandpiper, Upland	unearthly slide whistle
49	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	nasal <i>meaw</i>
	Siskin, Pine	<i>zreeee</i>
50	Snipe, Common	spooky ascending whinny
	Sparrow, American Tree	high whistles
51	Sparrow, Chipping	mechanical fast trill
	Sparrow, Clay-colored	<i>zhee zhee zhee</i>
52	Sparrow, Field	accelerating whistle
	Sparrow, Grasshopper	<i>tic-tac to see</i>
53	Sparrow, Henslow's	weak insect-like hiccup
	Sparrow, House	monotonous chirps
54	Sparrow, Lark	rapid buzzes, whistles, trills
	Sparrow, Lincoln	sweet, wren-like
55	Sparrow, Savannah	<i>take, take, take it easy</i>
	Sparrow, Song	<i>maids, maids put on your tea kettle-lettle-lettle</i>
56	Sparrow, Swamp	slow, even pitched trill
	Sparrow, Vesper	<i>here, here, where, where? all together now</i>
57	Sparrow, White-throated	<i>poor Sam Peabody</i>
	Starling, European	wolf-whistle and mimicry

	Swallow, Barn	<i>wit wit</i>
59	Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	<i>trip trip</i>
	Swallow, Tree	long notes and twitters
60	Swan, Trumpeter	resounding trumpeting
	Swift, Chimney	fast chitters
61	Tanager, Scarlet	sore-throat robin, <i>chickburr</i>
	Teal, Blue-winged	soft quacks
62	Tern, Black	rubber duck squeaks
	Tern, Caspian	heron-like scream
63	Tern, Forster's	harsh <i>kerrr</i>
	Thrasher, Brown	<i>drop it, drop it, pick it up, pick it up</i>
64	Thrush, Hermit	<i>why don't you come to me?</i>
	Thrush, Swainson's	<i>run to your home hear me</i>
65	Thrush, Wood	flute-like <i>eee-oh-lay</i>
	Titmouse, Tufted	<i>peter peter peter</i>
66	Towhee, Eastern	<i>drink you tea and towhee</i>
	Turkey, Wild	gobbles and wing flutter
67	Veery	descending <i>veer veer veer veer</i> and <i>veer!</i> note
	Vireo, Bell's	<i>cheedle chee chee cheedle chew</i>
68	Vireo, Blue-headed	<i>See you, be-seeing ya, so long</i>
	Vireo, Philadelphia	weaker, higher pitch
69	Vireo, Red-eyed	<i>here I am, over here, vireo</i>
	Vireo, Warbling	<i>when I see you I will squeeze you and I'll squeeze you till you squirt</i>
70	Vireo, Yellow-throated	<i>Three-a, three-a</i>
	Warbler, Bay-breasted	<i>teasy, teasy, tease</i>
71	Warbler, Black and White	<i>wheezy, wheezy, wheezy, wheezy</i>
	Warbler, Blackburnian	<i>zee zee zee tititi zeeee</i>
72	Warbler, Blackpoll	<i>ti Ti TI Ti ti</i>
	Warbler, Black-throated Blue	<i>I am lazy or beer beer beer beer</i>

	Warbler, Blue-winged	<i>bee buzz</i>
74	Warbler, Canada	<i>chip chip dippety chipety dip</i>
	Warbler, Cape May	<i>seat seat seat</i>
75	Warbler, Cerulean	<i>beer beer beer si si zee</i>
	Warbler, Chestnut-sided	<i>pleased pleased pleased to meet ya</i>
76	Warbler, Connecticut	<i>tip tupa teepo tupa teepo or whip it, whip it up, whip it good</i>
	Warbler, Golden-winged	<i>bee buzz buzz buzz</i>
77	Warbler, Hooded	<i>twee twee twee-teeo</i>
	Warbler, Kentucky	<i>cheree cheree cheree</i>
78	Warbler, Magnolia	<i>sweeter, sweeter, sweetest</i>
	Warbler, Mourning	<i>chury chury to meet you</i>
79	Warbler, Nashville	<i>seebit seebit seebit seeseese</i>
	Warbler, Ovenbird	<i>teacher teacher teacher</i>
80	Warbler, Palm	<i>buzzy zzizzizzizzizzi</i>
	Warbler, Parula Northern	<i>zeeee-up and da-da-da-that's all folks!</i>
81	Warbler, Pine	<i>slow musical trill</i>
	Warbler, Prothonotary	<i>sweet sweet sweet</i>
82	Warbler, Redstart	<i>seeseeseeit and chiva chiva chiva</i>
	Warbler, Tennessee	<i>take-take-take-a-swig swig swig chchchchug</i>
83	Warbler, Wilson's	<i>chchchchchew</i>
	Warbler, Worm-eating	<i>insect-like trill</i>
84	Warbler, Yellow	<i>sweet sweet little more sweet</i>
	Warbler, Yellowthroat Common	<i>witchety, witchety, witchety</i>
85	Warbler, Yellow-rumped	<i>variable trill</i>
	Warbler, Yellow-throated	<i>seea seea tutu tu-ee</i>
86	Waterthrush, Louisiana	<i>see you, see you, nice to meetya, chao</i>
	Waterthrush, Northern	<i>nice old ladies don't chew</i>
87	Waxwing, Bohemian	<i>lower trill</i>
	Waxwing, Cedar	<i>very high thin whistle</i>

	Willet	descending <i>ha ha ha, ha ha ha</i>
89	Woodcock, American	<i>paint</i>
	Woodpecker, Downy	<i>pick</i>
90	Woodpecker, Hairy	<i>peek</i>
	Woodpecker, Pileated	loud repeated call
91	Woodpecker, Red-bellied	<i>sure</i>
	Woodpecker, Red-headed	low croaks
92	Wren, Carolina	<i>chewy chewy chewy</i>
	Wren, House	rich complex chatter
93	Wren, Marsh	reedy rattle
	Wren, Sedge	<i>chat chit chat chachachachacha</i>
94	Wren, Winter	rapid stream of clear notes
	Yellowlegs, Greater	<i>dear dear dear</i>
95	Yellowlegs, Lesser	<i>you you</i>