

Birds in your Backyard: Sights and Sounds

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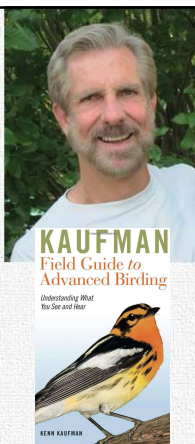
Oklahoma has a tremendous variety of climate and topography, from southern swamps in extreme SE Oklahoma, to Rocky Mountain mesas in the Panhandle. As a result, as of the end of 2018, 481 species of birds have been recorded in Oklahoma.

For comparison:
Arkansas = 418
Kansas = 477
Missouri = 433

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Birding guru Kenn Kaufman says:

"Birding is something that we do for enjoyment; so if you enjoy it, you're a good birder. If you enjoy it a lot, you're a great birder."



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Jeff's additional rules of good birding:

- Be kind.
- Be kind to the birds.
- Be kind to other birders.
- Be kind to all the people you meet while birding.
- Just be kind.

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But mostly:

Enjoy birding!

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



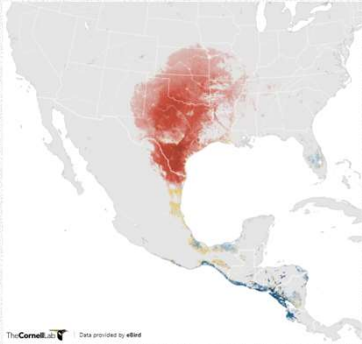
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Oklahoma's State Bird!!!



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American Robin



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Northern Cardinal



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European Starling

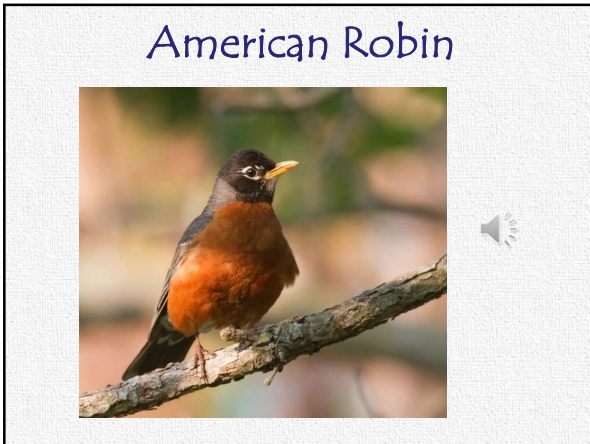


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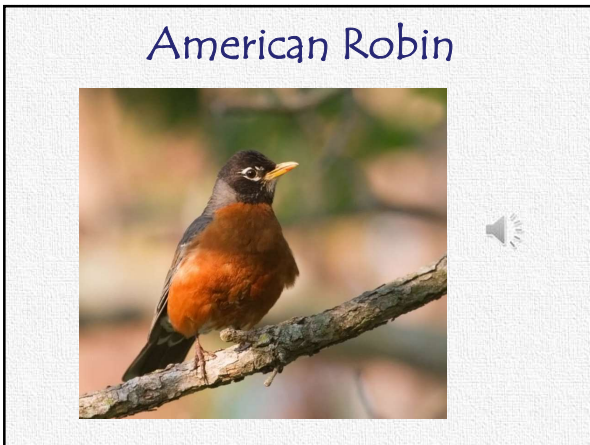
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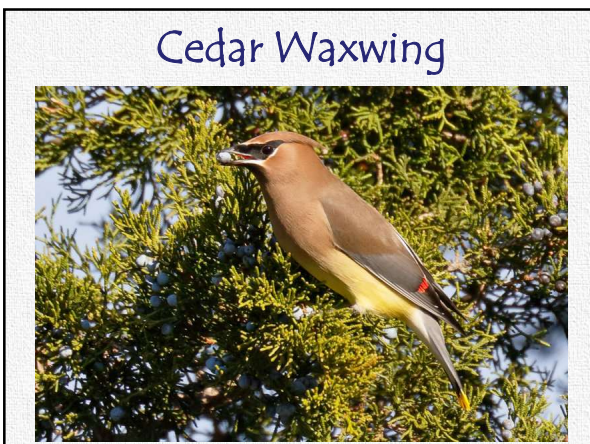
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European Starling



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European Starling



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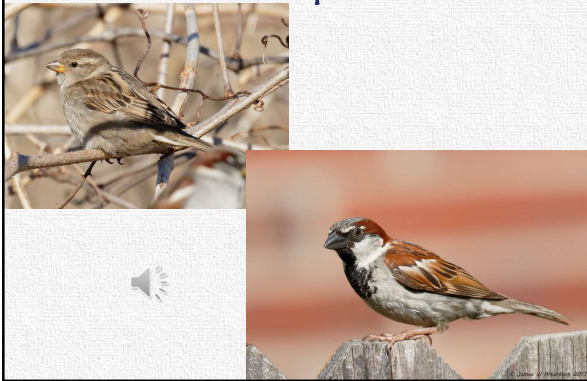
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Problems with non-native species



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House Sparrow



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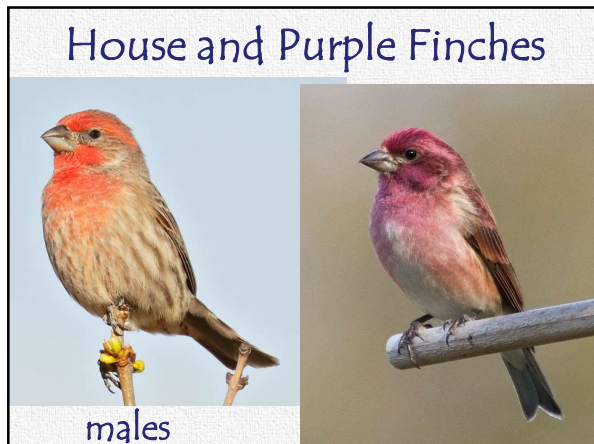
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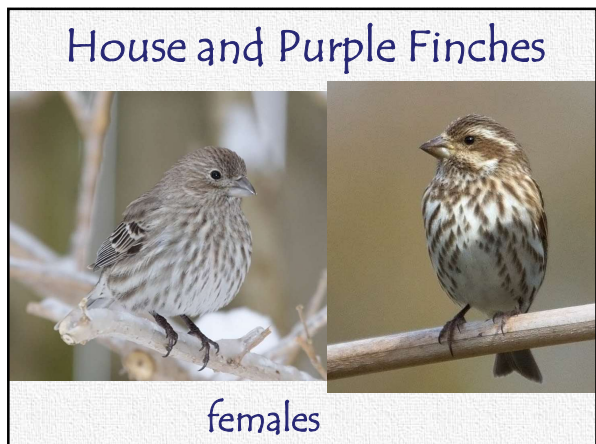
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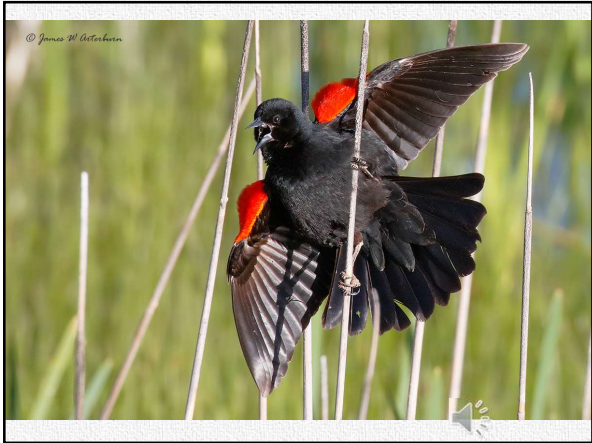
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female Red-winged Blackbird



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Purple Martin



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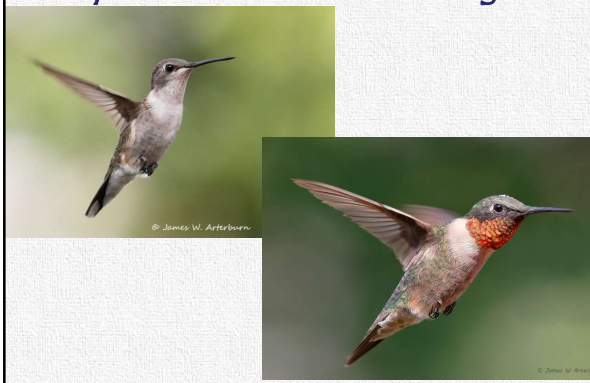
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Purple Martin

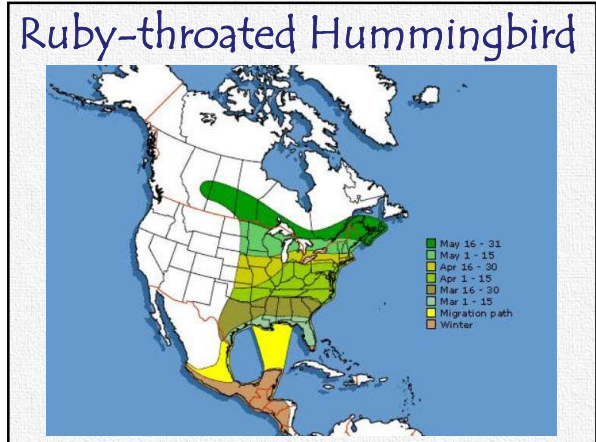


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Ruby-throated Hummingbird



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DIY Hummingbird Nectar for feeders:
 4 parts water (boil first)
 1 part granulated white sugar
NO RED DYE!!
 Clean feeders and change
 nectar every 4-5 days

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