

PENNSYLVANIA

Do you recognize any of these birds?

- If you said yes, that's because all of these birds are native to Pennsylvania and many can be seen in your backyards.
- All of the birds in this exhibit have been injured in some way and cannot be released back into the wild.
- This exhibit shows a few of the things you can do to attract birds to your own backyard! By providing food and water and planting native plant species to provide shelter and nesting sites, you can turn your backyard into a habitat for wildlife!

Tufted titmouse:

- This is a familiar bird to anyone with a birdfeeder at home – they have a black forehead, grey crest, grey back, and rusty colored flanks.
- Tufted titmice eat a variety of foods in the wild, including nuts, fruit, seeds, and insects.
- This particular bird was imprinted on humans as a chick and cannot be released back into the wild.

Common nighthawk:

- Nighthawks are birds that are most active at dusk, when they fly around in search of flying insects which they capture with their huge mouths (only the tip of the bill is visible when the mouth is closed.)
- You may have seen nighthawks flying around bright lights in the evening when moths and other insects are attracted to the light – they look like bats in flight, but have white spots on their wings!
- Our common nighthawk is named “Bubba” and was injured in the wild. He is no longer able to fly and his trainers hand-feed him 3 times daily.

DID YOU KNOW? Domestic cats are some of the most dangerous predators for wild birds – killing hundreds of millions of birds per year in the U.S. Please keep your cats indoors!



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