

Red-winged Blackbird

(*Agelaius phoeniceus*)



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Instant ID

- Stocky blackbird with broad shoulders and a slim beak
- Males have sleek, black feathers and red-and-yellow shoulder patches
- Females have dark brown feathers with streaks
- Can grow up to nine inches long

Native Niches

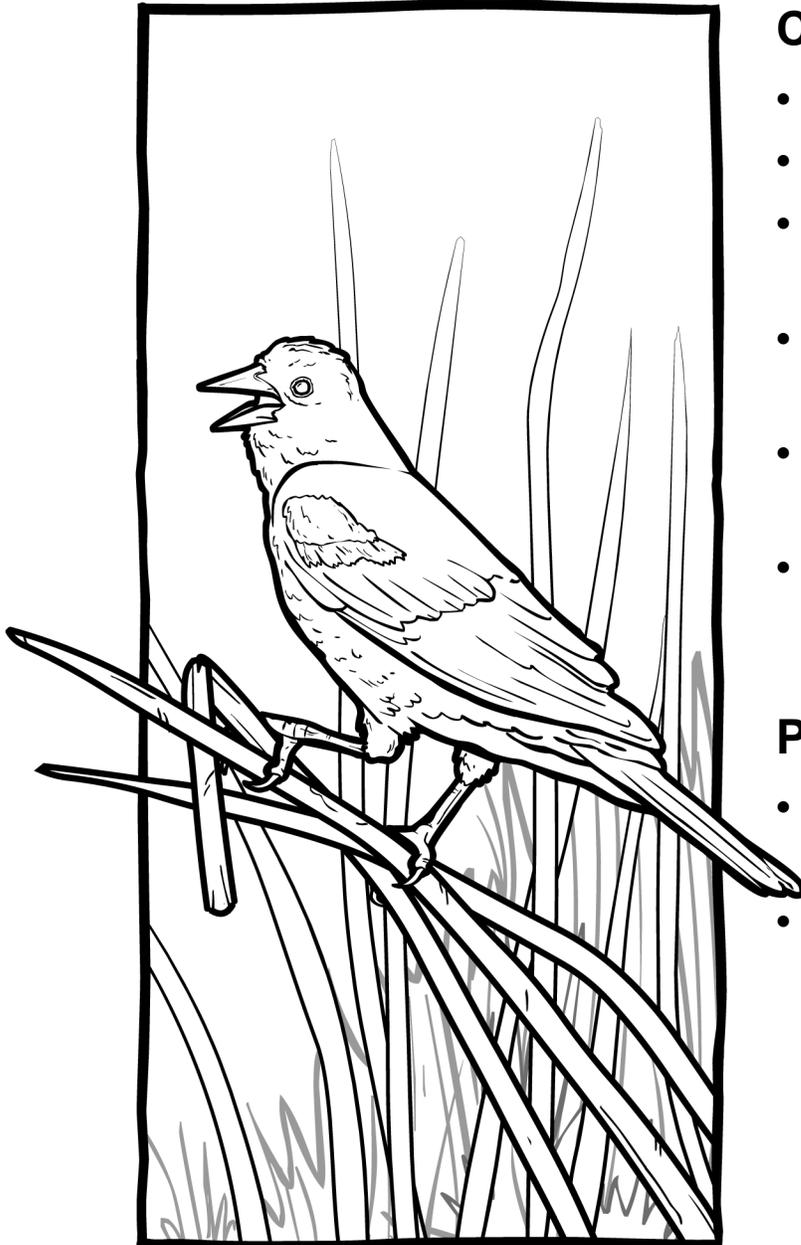
- Inhabits freshwater and saltwater marshes
- Often found in man made ponds
- Found in dry fields during winter

Favorite Foods

- Primarily feeds on insects and seeds
- Eats some berries and small fruits

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Critter Characteristics

- Migrates in flocks
- Both parents feed young
- Will protect nests from larger animals
- Males make their loud, cheery song during breeding season
- Among the most common birds in North America
- Eats pests and disperses seeds

Population Protection

- Losses of wetlands can negatively impact populations
- Protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act

