

Cedar Waxwing



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CEDAR WAXWING

Bombycilla cedrorum

ORDER: Passeriformes

IDENTIFICATION CLUES



- ◆ 6 1/2 - 8 inches long
- ◆ smooth bronze color with a black mask
- ◆ wing feathers have a waxy red tip and tail feathers have a band of yellow at the tip
- ◆ crested head



Where to Look

Cedar Waxwings can be seen in woodlands, orchards and backyard gardens. They are almost always seen in flocks searching for berries.



What It Eats

Cedar Waxwings feed on many different kinds of berries including holly and cedar. Large flocks will cover a tree and feast until all the berries are gone.



Nesting

Cedar Waxwings build a nest of twigs, grasses and lichens and line it with soft materials like wool and plant down and lay 3-5 speckled eggs.



Call or Song

The call of the Cedar Waxwing is a high-pitched "tsee".



Migration?

Cedar waxwings come to the south in the winter and spend their summers in the cooler north.



Did You Know

Cedar Waxwings are very social birds and nest in large groups. Because of their dependence on summer fruit to feed the young they are very late to nest compared to other birds.