

# Northern Mockingbird



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# NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD

*Mimus polyglottos*

ORDER: Passeriformes

## IDENTIFICATION CLUES



- ◆ 10 inches long
- ◆ gray above with a lighter color on the underside
- ◆ they are distinguished by a long tail and distinct white wing patches that are especially obvious in flight



### Where to Look

Northern Mockingbirds are common inhabitants of open fields and suburban areas.



### What It Eats.

Northern Mockingbirds feed on fruits and insects.



### Nesting

Mockingbirds build nests of twigs lined with grass in shrubs and trees 3-10 feet above ground. They lay 3-5 greenish-blue eggs.



### Call or Song

Mockingbirds mimic the sounds of other birds, animals and even humans. The phrases are usually repeated several times.



### Migration?

The Northern Mockingbird is a year round resident of Georgia.



### Did You Know

Mockingbirds can be fairly aggressive when it comes to defending the nest. They will squawk and dive at animals and people that come too close. They have also been seen protecting berry bushes from other birds.