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Ducks Unlimited Canada presents...

NINE SURPRISING FACTS about the birds outside your window

Birds like these rely on Canada's natural habitat to breed and thrive. Conserving wetlands, grasslands and boreal habitat is essential for their future.

PINE GROSBEAKS

store a paste of insects and vegetation in pouches in their lower jaw, to feed to their young.

HONK!



There are at least seven subspecies of **CANADA GOOSE**. The differences between some can be subtle, but they generally get smaller as you go north and darker as you go west.

AMERICAN ROBINS

have exceptional eyesight. They hunt for worms by standing perfectly still and watching for the tiniest movements in the soil.

I SEE YOU!



COMMON REDPOLLS

can tolerate more cold weather than any other songbird. They create snow tunnels up to a foot long, and huddle inside to keep warm at night.

BRRRRRR



SCREEECH!



BLUE JAYS are often heard imitating the calls of the red-shouldered hawk and other hawks, either to deceive or warn other birds.

WHERE DID I PUT THAT?



Every autumn, the part of a **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE**'s brain responsible for memory grows by 30 per cent, to help it find its hidden seeds throughout the winter. In the spring, it shrinks back to normal size.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROWS

come in two colour variations: white-crowned and tan-crowned. They almost always mate with a bird of the opposite crown-colour.

HOW YOU DOIN'?



If there's fruit anywhere nearby, **BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS** will find it. And if that fruit is fermented, they may get drunk...and crash into buildings or fences while flying.

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Even though they look nothing alike, **DARK-EYED JUNCOS** have been known to mate with white-throated sparrows, producing hybrid offspring.

HEY THERE

