# Birds of Birds of Newtown Creek Newtown Creek



## **American Coot**

The American Coot is grey with a darker nead and neck. They nave a short thick white bill which usually has a reddish-brown spot between the eyes and yellowish legs with lobed toes in place of webbed feet. Habitat: wetlands and open water bodies nesting in tall reeds.world-wide. Source: Wikipedia.

## Photo: Andreas Trepte



Photo: Mdf (Wikipedia)

# **Great Black**backed Gull

Grayish-black on the wings and back, with white wing tips. The legs are pinkish, and the bill is yellow or yellowpink with orange or red near tip of lower bill. Habitat: rocky and sandy coasts and estuaries, lakes, ponds, rivers, wet fields and moorland. Source: Wikipedia.

Killdeer

Wikipedia

# **Rock Dove**

**Laughing Gull** 

Wikipedia.

The Laughing Gull has a white body

and black head. A dark grey back and

lost in winter. Habitat: coastal marshes

Photo: Alan D. Wilson

Photo: Mitch Waxman

and ponds in large colonies. Source:

wings, tipped in black and has a long

red beak. The black hood is mostly

(pidgeon)

Wild Rock Doves

are pale grey with

two black bars on

each wing, although

pigeons vary in colour

and pattern. Habitat:

rock ledges, usually

on coasts. Source:

Wikipedia.

Osprey

Sometimes called sea

hawk, fish eagle or fish

hawk, the Osprey is a

fish-eating bird of prey

with brown upperparts,

underparts, and black

Habitat: Nests near any

body of water providing

an adequate food supply

Photo: Bear Golden Retriever

wings and eye patch.

Source: Wikipedia.

a greyish head and

Photo: Gerrit Vyn

A shorebird with a brown back and

wings, a white belly and breast with

two black bands and a tawny orange

rump. A brown head and face with

a white forehead and orange-red

eyering. Habitat: grassland, fields,

meadows, and pastures. Source:

natural cliffs and

domestic and feral

## Photo: Laura Risi Hofmann



**Mallard** 

Wikipedia.

The males have a glossy

grey on wings and belly,

while the females have

mainly brown-speckled

plumage. Habitat: fresh-

and salt-water wetlands,

small ponds, rivers, lakes

Photo: Mitch Waxman

Photo: Laura Risi Hoffman

and estuaries. Source:

green head and are

# **American Kestrel**

Males have blue-grey wings with black spots and white undersides while females have a rust-brown back and wings with dark brown barring with creamy buff undersides. Habitat: open to semiopen regions like grasslands, meadows, deserts. Source: Wikipedia.

Photo: Mitch Waxman

**Red-Tailed Hawk** 

a whitish underbelly

Red-Tailed Hawks have

with a dark brown band

across the belly, a short

hooked bill and yellow

feet. The red tail, is

uniformly brick-red

a wide range of

above and light buff-

orange below. Habitat:

habitats and altitudes

throughout the North

American continent.

Source: Wikipedia.

**House Sparrow** 

House Sparrow is

and young birds

The plumage of the

mostly different shades

of grey and brown. The

sexes differ: females

are pale brown and

grey, and males have

brighter black, white.

and brown markings.

Habitat: urban or rural

areas associated with

human habitation

Wikipedia.

world-wide. Source:



Photo: pheanix (Flickr)

Photo: Mitch Waxman

Photo: Wolfgang Wander

Photo: Mitch Waxman

**Spotted Sandpiper** 

The Spotted Sandpiper's

body is brown on top

and white underneath

hasshort yellowish legs and an orange bill with

a dark tip. Habitat: near

fresh water across most

with black spots. It

of Canada and the

United States. Source:

# **Mourning Dove**

trees in cities or near

farmsteads. Source:

**Song Sparrow** 

brown with dark

Song Sparrows are

underneath with a

streaks on the back and

white with dark streaks

dark brown spot in the

middle of the breast.

salt marshes, across

Source: Wikipedia.

**Double-crested** 

Source: Wikipedia.

Woodpecker

Mainly black with a

on the wings. A pair

and below the eye.

of white stripes above

Adult males have a red

head. Habitat: forested

areas, mainly deciduous,

across most of North

America. They nest in

a tree cavity. Source:

Wikipedia.

patch on the back of the

white back, throat and

belly and white spotting

Downv

Cormorant

Habitat: brushy areas

and marshes, including

most of North America.

Wikipedia.

Photo: Peter Massas

Mourning Doves are light grey and brown and generally muted in color. Males and females are similar in appearance. Habitat: urban areas, farms, prairie, grassland, and lightly wooded areas. They avoid swamps and thick forest and commonly nests in



Mockingbird

the songs of other

Best known for mimicking

birds and the sounds of

insects and amphibians. Mockingbird are grayish-

brown with whitish-gray

areas and brushy deserts.

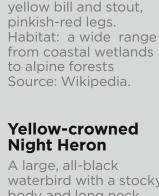
Photo: David Corby

underparts. Habitat:

farmlands, roadsides,

city parks, suburban

Source: Wikipedia.



**European Starling** 

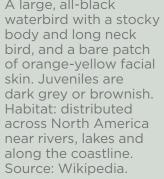
Shiny black, glossed

purple or green, and

speckled with white.

They have a conical,

Photo: Ryan Hagerty





# **Grey Catbird**



colored undertail with black tail feathers with a slim black bill, eyes, legs and feet. Habitat: semiopen areas with dense, low growth. Found

A large, all-black waterbird with a stocky body and long neck bird, and a bare patch of orange-yellow facial in urban, suburban, skin. Juveniles are and rural habitats in dark grey or brownish. North America east of Habitat: distributed the Rocky Mountains. across North America Source: Wikipedia near rivers, lakes and along the coastline.



# **Wood Duck**



# **Black-crowned Night Heron**

The Black-crowned Night Heron has a black crown and back with a white or grey body, red eyes, and short yellow legs. Habitat: fresh and salt-water wetlands throughout much of the world. Source: Wikipedia.



Photo: Mitch Waxman





# Photo: Malene Thyssen



# **Little Blue Heron**

Adults have blue-grey plumage with a purplish head and neck and have long blue filamentous plumes. The legs and feet are dark blue. Young are white with dark wing tips and greenish legs Habitat: sub-tropical swamps on platforms of sticks in trees or shrubs. Source: Wikipedia.



**American Robin** The Robin has a brown back and a reddish-orange breast, varying from rich red to peachy orange, a mainly yellow bill with a dark tip, brown legs and feet. Habitat: woodland and more open farmland and urban areas throughout most of North America. Source:



Wikipedia.

# **Great Blue Heron**

The Great Blue Heron is the largest North American heron. Slate-grey flight feathers, and red-brown thighs with red-brown/black stripes up the flanks. Habitat: fresh and saltwater marshes, mangrove swamps, flooded meadows, lake edges, or shorelines. Source: Wikipedia.



# **Ring-billed Gull**

White with a relatively short, yellow bill with a dark ring. Silver gray back and wings and vellow legs. The eyes are yellow with red rims. Habitat: near lakes, rivers or the coast, nesting colonially on the ground. Source: Wikipedia.

**Great Egret** 

he Great Egret is

a large heron with

all-white plumage.

black legs and feet

Standing up to 1 m (3.3)

ft) tall, a yellow bill and

distinguish it from other

white egrets. Habitat:

adapts well to human

near wetlands and

and suburban areas

Source: Wikipedia.

habitation; can be seen

bodies of water in urban

Photo: Kevin Cole



# Photo: Jim Rorabaugh/USFWS



**Flycatcher** Flycatchers are mostly plain in appearance. Insect-eaters, they catch insects in flight and from foliage while hovering. There are 20 New York species of flycatcher. Habitat: throughout North and South America.

# Photo: Beezhive (Wikipedia)

Photo: Mitch Waxmar

# Kingbird

Source: Wikipedia.

Kingbirds have long large broad bills and prefer semi-open or open areas. They wait on exposed perchs and catch insects in flight. They tend to defend their breeding territories aggressively, often chasing away much larger birds. Source: Wikipedia.

**Canada Goose** 

America, the Canada

Goose is a wild goose

with a black head and

neck, white patches

brownish-gray body.

areas near water such

on the face, and a

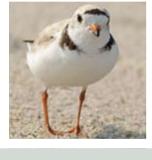
Habitat: elevated

as streams, lakes

Wikipedia.

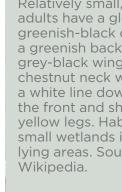
and ponds. Source:

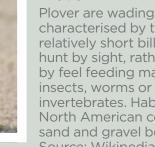
Native to North



Plover are wading birds characterised by their relatively short bills. They hunt by sight, rather than by feel feeding mainly on insects, worms or other invertebrates. Habitat: North American coastal sand and gravel beaches. Source: Wikipedia.







# Photo: Basar (Wikipedia)



# **Green Heron**



# **Herring Gull**

Adults are white with gray back and wings, black wingtips with white spots, and pink legs. Immature birds are gray-brown. Habitat: coasts, lakes, rivers and garbage dumps. Source: Wikipedia.

# Photo: Malene Thyssen



# **Barn Swallow**

The Barn Swallow has distinctive blue upperparts, a long, deeply forked tail and curved, pointed wings. Habitat: open country with low veg etation; pasture, meadows and farmland with nearby water. Source: Wikipedia.

# www.newtowncreekalliance.org

# Mai Armstrong Design

Kingfisher

The Kingfisher has

bright plumage, a large

head and short legs, a

rivers and lakes, forests

and forested streams.

Source: Wikipedia.

long, pointed bill, and

stubby tail. Habitat: