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Photos of the Bird:



Summer

Winter

Name of Bird: Black-capped Chickadee

Latin Name: *Poecile atricapilla*

Bird's Habitat: The Black Capped Chickadee is found in Canada and the Rocky Mountains. Usually they are found in parks, willow thickets, fields, and open woods. They build their nest in the lower trees. When they build their nest, they build their nests away from others.

Interesting Facts:

- The Black-Capped Chickadee has 15 different calls.
- They can remember where they hid their food for up to a month.
- They lower their body temperatures to 15 to 10 degrees in the winter.
- The "chicka dee dee dee" call is the most common call of the black-capped chickadee.
- Sometimes chickadees flock together with other birds such as nuthatches, woodpeckers, and titmice. (mostly in the winter)
- Black-Capped Chickadees are the state bird of Maine and Massachusetts.
- Black-Capped Chickadees' wingspans are 8 inches long.
- The oldest known Black-Capped Chickadee lived for 12 whole years.
- Black-Capped Chickadees can remember over one thousand places where they hid their food at once.
- Every fall Black-Capped Chickadees allow brain nerves holding old information to die.
- Chickadees eat mostly seeds in the winter and insects in the summer.
- The under parts of the chickadee are pale brown.