

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*



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The Northern Mockingbird is an aggressive but beautiful bird that can be found all throughout the United States. They love attention and are often found with their wings opened to show off their white patches on their wings. It also sings endlessly throughout the day and sometimes at night.

Description

Size and Shape- Medium-sized songbird with long legs, a long tail, and a small head

Color Pattern- mostly gray-brown with a white patch on wings and white belly and chest

Behavior- Are often found alone or in pairs and are very visibly seen often perched on shrubs, trees, and fences or hopping along the ground or on mowed lawns

Song- Varied; Long series of chirps and phrases

Habitat- Found in areas of low shrubbery or in grassy areas

Range- All of the United States and Mexico year-round

Diet- Mostly insects (such as beetles, ants, and bees) in the summer and fruit (mostly berries and wild fruit) in the winter

Bird Statistics

Scientific name- *Mimus polyglottos*

Family- Mimidae

Conservation Status- Least concern

Length- 8.3-10.2 in (21-26 cm)

Wingspan- 12.2-13.8 in (31-35 cm)

Weight- 1.6-2 oz (45-58 g)

Egg Statistics

Color- Pale blue or green with brown splotches

Nest- Dead twigs shaped in an open cup lined with grass, leaves, rootlets, and sometimes trash

Clutch size- 2-6 eggs

Number of broods- 2-3

Length- 0.8-1.1 in (2-2.9 cm)

Width- 0.6-0.8 in (1.6-2 cm)

Incubation period- 12-13 days

Nestling period- 12-13 days

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