

Dark-Eyed Junco

Status: Common

Distribution: Juncos are the "snowbirds" of the middle latitudes. In the eastern United States, they appear in all but the most northern states only in the winter, and then retreat each spring.

Field Marks: Medium sized sparrow, gray or brown with white belly.

Voice: Song is a musical trill. Calls a hard "tick," "smack," and a short twittering trill.

Behavioral Clues: These birds forage on the ground. In winter, they often forage in flocks. They mainly eat insects and seeds.

Nest: They usually nest in a well-hidden location on the ground or low in a shrub or tree.



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Migrates from
Chicago
to Canada.

