# Bird Tracks

INCLUDES 55 NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES





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YOUR WAY TO EASILY IDENTIFY BIRD TRACKS

### **TINY CLASSIC BIRD TRACKS**

**Finches, cardinals & grosbeaks** leave small tracks with a distinctively wide, bulbous hallux that can resemble a plump inchworm. Tracks are usually curved, though sometimes only slightly, with toes 1 and 3 arcing toward the center of the trail. The base of toe 3 may appear centered or offset slightly to the outside of the track. Outside of nesting season, many species feed in large mixed flocks.



#### American Goldfinch

 $\begin{array}{l} (Spinus tristis)\\ L 1"-1\%_6"; W \%"-\%_6"\\ Common and wide-spread. Comes to the ground less often than many other finches. Hops.\\ \end{array}$ 





 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{House Finch} \\ (\mbox{Haemorhous} \\ mexicanus) \\ \mbox{L }1^{\prime} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{-1} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{*} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{-1} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{*} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{-1} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{*} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{-1} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{*} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{-1} \mbox{$^{\prime\prime}$}^{*} \mbox{$$ 





#### Northern Cardinal

(Cardinalis cardinalis) L 1"-1%"; W 5/16"-1'/16" Comes to the ground regularly, but often under cover. Hops, sometimes with long strides.

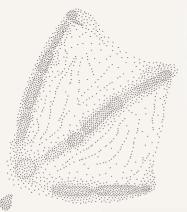


**Terns** Long toe 3 extends beyond webbing. Palm and toe 1 usually register.

**Gulls** Small toe 1 tends not to show. Palm shows roughly half the time. Typically more curved than duck tracks, with more obvious knuckles.

**Avocet** Our only wading shorebird with typical webbed feet. Wide tracks. Toe 1 does not register.

**Ducks** Toe 1 and a small, round palm usually show. Often appear more square than gull tracks, with smoother toes.





Wood Duck (Aix sponsa) L 2"-2¼"; W 1½"-2¼" Other duck tracks range from 1½" (Green-Winged Teal) to 3" (Common Merganser) long. Walks.



Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) L 2"-2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>6</sub>"; W 2"-3" Common tracks, sometimes found far from water. Walks.

# Adventure Quick Guides

# North American Bird Tracks

Organized by group for quick and easy identification

## Simple and convenient keep this quick guide handy on your next hike, camping trip, or walk in the park.

- · Pocket-size format—easier than laminated foldouts
- Life-size track illustrations
- Helpful information about bird leg and foot anatomy, gaits, bird sign and more
- 55 tracks of backyard birds, game birds, raptors, and water birds
- Tracks are grouped by shape and size for quick, easy identification
- Quick Reference Chart guides you to the right section

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