

# Fun Facts About Red-Winged Blackbirds

- The Red-winged Blackbird's diet varies; they will eat both insects and seeds. They will also dine on suet at bird feeders.
- True snowbirds, red-winged blackbirds travel as many as 800 miles south for the winter.
- In several Ojibwa language dialects, the species is called *memiskondinimaanganeshiinh*, which means roughly "a bird with a very red shoulder-blade."
- Male Red-winged Blackbirds are fierce defenders of their territory. They've been known to even challenge 10-pound Sandhill Cranes!
- In flight, Red-winged Blackbirds may reach speeds up to 30 miles per hour!

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