

## North Carolina State Bird: The Cardinal

In 1943 the North Carolina General Assembly named the Cardinal the Official State Bird. Sometimes known as the Northern Cardinal, the birds are common in North Carolina and are easily spotted, with their large beaks and distinctive cap of feathers on their heads. The males are often bright red. And the females have less bright colors, with mixtures of brown, gray and red. Cardinals are found throughout the United States and do not migrate, so we see them in North Carolina year-round.



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