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Identifying the

American Goldfinch

Three keys to recognizing the friendly finch in your own backyard!



Field Markings

Seasonal changes



Beak turns orange in the Spring, gray in other seasons

Males in spring and summer are bright yellow

Females and non-breeding males are a dull yellow-brown

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Habitat & Distribution



Habitat

- · Open fields, meadows, & grasslands
- Cultivated orchards & gardens



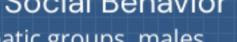
Distribution

- Summer breeding range across North America, coast to coast
- Winter range from southern Canada, through the US, to Mexico



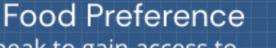
Behavior

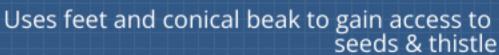
Social Behavior





Flies in bouncy, acrobatic groups, males display their agility to females







Common Vocalizations

Per-twee-twee, Po-ta-to-chip, Ti-di-di-di





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