

CAROLIN WREN FACT SHEET

Scientific name: *Thryothorus ludovicianus*



What Is a Carolina Wren?

The Carolina Wren is a small, round bird with a BIG voice! You might hear its loud, cheerful song before you even see it.

It's one of the friendliest birds you'll find in backyards, parks, and forests in the southern U.S. — including right here in Tennessee!

How to Recognize It:

- Rusty brown body with a warm orange belly
- White stripe ("eyebrow") above each eye
- Small, curved beak perfect for catching bugs
- Short wings and a tail that sticks up like a little flag
- About the size of a sparrow

Fun Fact:

- Carolina Wrens sing all year long, even in winter!
- They love to explore and often sneak into garages, porches, and mailboxes looking for cozy nesting spots.
- A pair of wrens will stay together and defend their territory all year—they are true lovebirds!

How to Recognize Their Song:

It sounds like they are singing: "Tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea-kettle!"
Loud, bubbly, and happy!

You can often hear them before you spot them hidden in bushes or trees.

Carolina Wren Nest Challenge:

Look for wrens building nests in:

- Hanging flower pots
- Wood piles
- Hollow trees
- Porch shelves

CAROLINA WREN ACTIVITIES

Draw a Carolina Wren and compare with a photo of the real thing.

Craft Idea: Nature Art

Make a simple birdhouse or tuck a small basket filled with dried grasses into a quiet corner of your porch to invite wrens to visit.