**As part of our Girl Scout Silver Project, we created birdhouses for some of the birds that live in the Fanwood Nature Center. When you walk around here, you may spot one of these birds flying about and enjoying their home.**

| **Type of Bird** | **Description** | **Sounds/Songs** | **Birdhouse** |
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| **Hairy Woodpecker** | Hairy woodpeckers are black and white and have 2 white stripes on the side of their heads. However, only males have a red splotch towards the back of the head. These woodpeckers hitch up tree trunks and along main branches. | The sound of a hairy woodpecker tapping into a tree is similar to a sudden drum roll. Their call is a short and sharp peek like the squeak of a dog toy. They also whine or rattle; their sound staying at one pitch unlike some other types of woodpeckers.  [The sound of Hairy Woodpecker](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3WXTAt-kHE) |  |
| **House Wren** | House wrens are small plain brown birds. They are usually found in backyards in shrubs or on low tree branches or fences. | House wrens sing a long and jumbled bubbling song. This song contains abrupt churrs and scolds. Females can make very high-pitched squeals.  [House Wren Song](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSe3R1b8zak) |  |
| **Carolina Wren** | Carolina wrens are usually a rich chestnut color. They like to live in dense forests and suburban areas. Carolina wrens usually eat insects near or on the ground but also visit bird feeders. | Only male Carolina wrens sing. Their song is several quick whistled notes that repeat a few times. The entire song lasts for less than 2 seconds and is usually three-parted with the same sound repeating around 3 times. It can sound like “cheery-cheery-cheery” or “tea-kettle tea-kettle tea-kettle”.  [Carolina Wren Song](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GLIFUtXj2M) |  |
| Barred Owl | Barred owls are large gray-brown and white birds with very round heads. They live in forested areas and eat small mammals, reptiles, and more. While most owls have yellow eyes, barred owls have brown eyes. They are named after the bars of brown fur on their chest. | Barred owls are sometimes called laughing owls due to its many vocalizations. They make obnoxious (and sometimes unnerving) sounds such as a loud commotion of weird howls, yelps, and squalls. Some calls include “hoo-hoo, hoo-WAAAHH” or “hoo-WAAAHHH”.  [Barred Owl Call](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SwMJ50Dbz4) |  |

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