See if you can spot these common backyard birds:

- **American Crow**
  American Crows will gang up on a predator to chase it away. If you see a mob of crows harassing a larger bird, you might get a glimpse of a hawk or an owl.

- **American Goldfinch**
  Thistle is an important source of food and nesting material for the American Goldfinch. It can cling to narrow stems and delicate seed heads, sometimes upside down.

- **American Robin**
  Cocking its head from side to side, the American Robin seems to be listening for worms. Actually, it spots them by sight and pulls them from the ground.

- **Black-capped Chickadee**
  The Black-capped Chickadee may become quite tame and can learn to eat from your hand. It’s named for its call, which sounds like “schick-a-dee.”

- **Blue Jay**
  The Blue Jay can be noisy and aggressive at feeders. It also has a habit of robbing other birds’ nests and eating the eggs and young birds.

- **Common Grackle**
  Though the Common Grackle looks black from a distance, its feathers shimmer in glossy blue, purple, bronze, and green.

- **Downy Woodpecker**
  The Downy Woodpecker is the smallest woodpecker in North America, similar in size to a Chickadee with which it often flocks.

- **European Starling**
  The most common songbird in North America, the European Starling travels in large groups, often with blackbirds and grackles.

- **House Sparrow**
  The House Sparrow is a noisy and aggressive bird will steal nest sites from native hole-nesting birds.

- **Mourning Dove**
  The Mourning Dove’s wings and tail make a whistling sound during flight, especially when the bird takes off.

- **Northern Cardinal**
  A male Northern Cardinal will fiercely defend his feeding territory. You may see him fighting his reflection in a car mirror or window, trying to scare off the “other” bird.

- **Red-winged Blackbird**
  The male Red-winged Blackbird can hide his red feathers when he searches for food. It eats mostly insects, as many as a trillion a year.

- **Tufted Titmouse**
  The Tufted Titmouse lines its nest with fur, sometimes plucked from living animals.