

FACTS ABOUT THE BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

The Township of King's Official Bird



General Facts

- Has a short neck and large head.
- It has a long, narrow tail and a short bill.
- Smaller than a Sparrow and its bill is thicker than a Warblers, but thinner than a Finch's.



Colour Pattern

The cap and bib are black, the cheeks white, the back soft grey, the wing feathers grey edged with white, and the underparts soft buffy on the sides grading to white beneath.



Behaviour

Acrobatic and associate in flocks, while flying across open spaces one at a time with a bouncy flight.



Habitat

They can be found in any habitat that has trees or woody shrubs, from forests and woodlots to residential neighbourhoods, parks and sometimes weedy fields and cattail marshes. They frequently nest in birch or alder trees.



Food Facts

Hides seeds and other food items to eat later. Each item is placed in a different spot and the chickadee can remember thousands of hiding places.



Sounds

The call sounds like its calling itself **chickadee de-dee.**