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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black-capped Chickadee

Poecile atricapillus

A chickadee caches thousands of individual seeds through autumn, hiding each one in a different crevice, and it can recover them weeks later — a memory task that would defeat most animals. To do it, …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Paridae
Habitat: Deciduous and mixed forests, woodlands, parks, and residential areas
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-3 years in the wild
Weight: 9-14 grams
Scientific name: Poecile atricapillus

Did you know?

- Despite their tiny size, Black-capped Chickadees are able to survive harsh northern winters by growing extra brain cells to remember food cache locat…
- On winter nights a chickadee lets its body temperature fall by 10 to 12 degrees Celsius in a regulated hypothermia, saving enough energy to survive a…

What I learned

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