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Animal Fact Sheet

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Cedar Waxwing

Bombycilla cedrorum

The red "wax" on a cedar waxwing's wing is real: droplets of a hardened, pigmented secretion at the tips of the secondary feathers, coloured by astaxanthin. Their number increases with age, and waxwi…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Bombycillidae
Habitat: Open woodlands, orchards, and suburban areas
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 30-35 g
Scientific name: Bombycilla cedrorum

Did you know?

- Cedar Waxwings can pass berries to each other in a row, forming a 'food chain' before one bird finally eats the fruit.
- Waxwings pass food along a line: a row of birds on a branch will hand a berry or a petal beak to beak down the row and back again, a courtship and so…

What I learned

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