

Animal Fact Sheet

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Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus

The Red-winged Blackbird is a medium-sized songbird notable for the male's striking black plumage accented by vivid red and yellow shoulder patches, or epaulets. Females are brown and heavily streaked.

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Icteridae

Habitat: Wetlands, marshes, and open fields

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-15 years

Weight: 32-77 grams

Scientific name: *Agelaius phoeniceus*

Did you know?

- A single male Red-winged Blackbird can have up to 15 female mates within his territory during a single breeding season.
- Male Red-winged Blackbirds fiercely defend their territory, often chasing away much larger animals. These birds are among the most abundant and studied.

What I learned
