

Bird of the Month - September

Brewer's Blackbird

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Male Brewer's Blackbird



Female Brewer's Blackbird

IDENTIFICATION

- Males shiny black with iridescent purple, blue and green
- Females dusky gray-brown all over
- Males have bright yellow eye and females have a black eye

FOOD

- Feeds on weed seeds most of the year and insects in summer
- Outside of the summer season, they form large foraging flocks

PREDATORS

- Falcons, small hawks, owls and gulls

BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS-

- Abundant in the wetlands in spring, summer and fall
- Feed on the ground but often rest in in a tree or on a telephone wire
- Nests in small trees and shrubs near water
- Males aggressively defend the nest from predators and humans
- Though "black birds", they will sometimes show partial albinism
- Very similar to the Brown-headed Cowbird so be careful