



## The Cardinal

The cardinal is a beautiful bird found in North America. It is an active, medium-sized bird that is often found in backyards, parks, and even cities. The male is bright red with a black mask and small crest. The female is light brown with red feathers on her crest and wings. Both the male and female have thick bills for cracking seeds! Cardinals are members of the finch family. Males and females mate for life and often stay in the same area year-round.

Did you know that the cardinal is the official bird of seven different states? Two professional sports teams are called the "cardinals," and several college sports teams are called the "cardinals."

### 1.) Which is not true?

- A.) Cardinals mate for life.
- B.) Cardinals can be found in backyards.
- C.) Some college sports teams are named the "cardinals."
- D.) Male and female cardinals look the same.

**2.) Which adjective is NOT used by the author in describing the cardinal?**

- A.) Bright
- B.) Beautiful
- C.) Active
- D.) Happy

**3.) How does the passage tell you that cardinals eat seeds?**

- A.) By describing their colors
- B.) By describing where they live
- C.) By describing the shape of their bills
- D.) By describing their feathers

**4.) How does the author start the second paragraph?**

- A.) With a statement
- B.) With a question
- C.) With a quotation
- D.) With an opinion

**5.) How are male and female cardinals alike?**

- A.) They are both bright red
- B.) They are both light brown
- C.) They have thick bills
- D.) They are both large-sized birds

