

BIRD OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2021

CEDAR WAXWING



The ripening of red winter berries coincides with the arrival of large flocks of these dazzling beauties. The elegant Cedar Waxwing sports a rakish black mask and sleek pointed crest plus silky beige plumage tipped in waxy red and yellow. Listen for the high-pitched, trilled whistle as dozens descend from the treetops to feast on the festive red berries of the California native Toyon bush so very plentiful in the Urban Forest and throughout Huntington Central Park. It is a welcome and unforgettable wintertime spectacle.

A dedicated team of birders survey and tally all the birds and bird species each month producing a report viewable on the website. It's accompanied by extraordinary photos that can be a useful learning tool when preparing for a visit to the Urban Forest. It's great to know what birds can be expected each month, and a thrill to encounter them on your own.

To learn more about the fascinating range of distinctive birds appearing in the Urban Forest and along the Shipley to Shore Nature Trail, visit the dedicated tab on this website:

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