



Official Symbol of Calgary – City Bird

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Attachment 3
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Recommendation

That Council adopt the Black-capped Chickadee as the City Bird, an official symbol of Calgary.

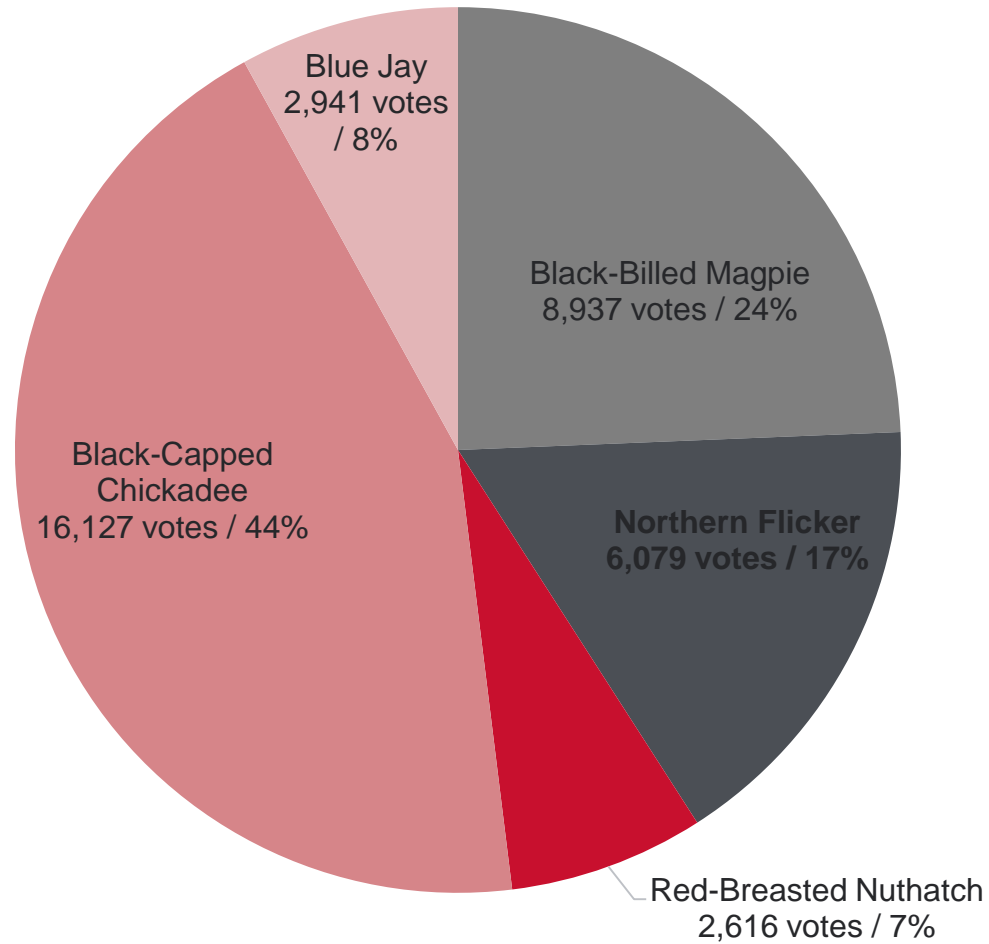


Background

- ❖ Bird Friendly City designation (2021)
- ❖ Nature Canada recommendation to designate a City Bird
- ❖ Council direction to support the selection of a City Bird through an online voting system.
- ❖ Over 36,000 votes cast!



Vote results



■ Black-Billed Magpie ■ Northern Flicker ■ Red-Breasted Nuthatch ■ Black-Capped Chickadee ■ Blue Jay



Black-capped Chickadee

Chickadees are excellent at insect and spider control, particularly during nesting.

They are 12 to 15 centimetres in length and are found coast to coast across Canada.

Chickadees have a variety of sounds including ones that sound like they might be saying cheeseburger, I did-it, Hey baby and the sound for which they are named, chicka-dee-dee-dee.



Official Symbols

Existing symbols of Calgary:

- The City of Calgary crest;
- Calgary flag;
- Mayoral chain of office;
- Song (Neighbours of the World)
- Flower (Red Pasque)
- Calgary tartan





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