

# Have you seen a...

## Dark-eyed Junco

### What Does this Species Look Like?

**Size:** 5 1/2-6 inches

**Weight:** 18-30 grams

**Color:** Slate-gray above, white belly

**General:** Rounded head, short bill, long tail

**Usually Found:** Forests, woodlands, fields, parks, backyards



### Did You Know?

- Dark-eyed juncos (*Junco hyemalis*) are members of the sparrow family.
- They are one of the most common birds in North America with a population currently reaching 630 million.
- They are often seen hopping along lawns and near bases of trees and shrubs looking for fallen seeds.
- It takes 3-7 days for dark-eyed juncos to build their nests.
- The oldest recorded junco was 11 years and 4 months old!



### What am I Observing?

The timing (date) of:

- Last junco seen in spring
- First junco seen in autumn

### Why Collect this Data?

This species is being monitored as a part of the Eastern PA Phenology Program to determine if this bird is impacted by environmental changes.

### How Do I Report this Data?

Observations can be reported as comments to the Eastern PA Phenology Blog:  
<http://watchingtheseasons.blogspot.com/>  
or sent to [phenology@lgnc.org](mailto:phenology@lgnc.org)

### Want to Find Out More?

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**What is Phenology?** According to the National Phenology Network, phenology refers to the study of “recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, or phenophases, such as leafing and flowering, maturation of agricultural plants, emergence of insects, and migration of birds.”

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