

Redpoll

Carduelis Flammea

Very small finch with a short tail. Weigh around 13-17 grams. They have a red spot on their forehead and a black spot on throat which are identifying features. They have dark streaks on flanks, indistinct wingbars and notched tail. In late winter and spring males become reddish on breast and rump. Their bill is short, yellow and with a black tip. Their feet and eyes are dark brown.

Are generally in small groups outside the breeding season. Their habitat is birchwood and scrub, also cultivated woods and gardens. They nest in trees and shrubs. Usually they breed more than once in the summer.



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