

LMT Bird of the Month for June 2025: House Finch

Say hello to the colorful and charismatic House Finch, our Bird of the Month! Common throughout Bucks County year-round, these lively songbirds bring a splash of red and a cheerful tune to backyards, parks, and city streets alike.

Male House Finches are easily recognized by their rosy red heads and chests, which contrast beautifully with their brown-streaked bodies. Females lack the red but have lovely streaks and a sweet, curious expression. Originally from the western U.S., House Finches were introduced to the East in the 1940s—and they've thrived ever since.

One of the most interesting things about them? That red color in males comes from the food they eat—berries and pigments in their diet influence just how vibrant they appear. So yes, you are what you eat!

Listen closely and you'll hear their bright, bubbly songs—males often sing year-round, not just in spring, and they're known to perform impressive duets with their mates. They also make themselves at home in hanging baskets, porch lights, and wreaths, often nesting surprisingly close to people.

Want to attract them? A feeder stocked with oily sunflower, Nyjer (thistle), and/or safflower seeds and a few nearby shrubs or trees will do the trick.

So next time you're out for a walk or sitting in the yard, look and listen for these little red charmers—they're one of Bucks County's most delightful and entertaining neighbors!

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