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Bird Tales

Tufted Titmouse

Holding the bird model provides the opportunity to examine the bird up close and appreciate the details of each bird.

Look

Notice the peach color under the wings
We only notice the grey back and white belly when they are outside because they are moving so fast!

Look at the eyes
There is a little red in them!

Listen

To hear the song of the bird, squeeze its belly.

The tufted titmouse's song sounds like it is saying, ***"Peter, Peter, Peter"***

They will sing year-round, but you hear this song most often in the late winter and early spring before most other birds.

They have a large variety of calls and songs, including a distinct scolding call.

Feel

Feel the shape of the beak
Is it thin and pointy like a pair of tweezers? It uses this thin beak to pick up insects.

Feel the tail
Most birds have a short, square-shaped tail, but a few have special tails that are longer or forked to help with flying and balance.

Fun Facts

Tufted titmice often line the inner cup of their nest with hair, sometimes plucked directly from living animals.

Tufted titmice hoard food in fall and winter. The storage sites are within 130 feet of the feeder.

The oldest-known wild tufted titmouse lived to be 13 years and 3 months old.

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