

Lesser Goldfinch



A male Lesser Goldfinch in the glow of the morning sun | 06/21/2014

Description

The Lesser Goldfinch is the more striking of the two common kinds of Goldfinches we get in the United States (the other being the American Goldfinch). It has a bright yellow body, black crown, and backside. It has a chaotic pretty song and you'll mostly see them in small flocks.

Personal stats

First observation

	12/01/2013
	Los Angeles, California

Captured media details

	Male	Female	Unknown
	✓	✓	
	✓	✓	

Experiences & anecdotes

11/8/22 - I remember my first few times seeing the [Lesser Goldfinch](#) when I lived in California. I was familiar with American Goldfinches at the time but was confused by these birds that had so much more black on them. I thought they looked really cool and the birders I was with identified them. They have a pretty whistling song and I usually find them foraging in trees in groups. The featured photo above was captured at [Crescent Bend Nature Park](#) in a bird blind and perch setup.

I haven't quite nailed their song down by ear yet. If I've heard it recently I can pick it out. Certain songs they make I can call, but their presence has surprised me a few times. I had a nice experience recording them at [Denman Park](#) last year. They were deep inside a tree in the parking lot and their song attracted me to their location. No other birds were in earshot so it made it easy to get good recordings.

Captured media

Photographs



A female Lesser Goldfinch lands on a perch for a photo | 07/30/2022



Audio recordings

- **ML381426761** - 0:31
 - *I love the pretty and chaotic song of the Lesser Goldfinch.*

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