

# 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.



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## 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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