

# THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

## YOUR WEEKLY BIRD 66

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### Carolina Wren

*Thryothorus ludovicianus*



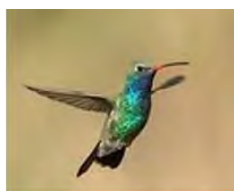
Of all the wrens that visit New Jersey or call NJ home, the Carolina wren is my favorite. Carolina wrens are generous with their bright, clear, cheerful songs and calls. When seen, they have a cute but feisty look, and are easily distinguished from our other wrens by their pronounced white eyebrow.

For about a year, a Carolina wren inhabited a hedge near my mom's patio. We would hear the little wren vocalizing all year long, even on the coldest winter days, which made me feel hopeful and think of better days ahead, when other birds would return with the warmer weather and their voices to the mix.

This past summer, our little hedge-dweller made himself visible long enough for me to get my camera, and then, while I was getting some shots, his mate popped up on an adjacent branch, making some low, raspy sounds in her throat. It wasn't long after that encounter that we stopped hearing "our" wren. Maybe they were bidding me farewell?



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