



The Brown Creeper is a plump little bird, smaller than a Sparrow. It spends its summers in the northern states and Canada, where it nests. It winters over most of this country. You will have to look twice to see a Brown Creeper against a brown tree trunk, where it searches for spiders, caterpillars, ants and bugs. It picks them out with its thin, curved bill.

The Brown Creeper uses its stiff tail for support as it starts at the base of a tree and creeps upward, round and round the tree trunk, the way you climb a spiral staircase. When it reaches the top, it flies to the next tree and starts spiralling up again..

The female and young Brown Creepers look just like the male. The female builds its nest of shredded bark and twigs in a tree, deep in the woods. It lines the nest with feathers, hair, and spider web, and lays from five to eight, half-inch long, white eggs, speckled with brown.

The Brown Creeper's song is a long, hissing see-ee-see-ti-ti-see.