



This small songbird lives and nests in the northern half of the United States and in southern Canada. It is named from its call, chick-a-dee-dee-dee, and its black cap. The female and young Black-capped Chickadees look like the male. In summer the Black-capped Chickadees live in woodlands and orchards. They feed on moths, spiders, caterpillars, flies, leafhoppers, and some fruits. In winter they form small flocks and, together with the juncos, fly about in search of insect eggs. They also come to feeding stations for suet and sunflower seeds.

The Chickadee nests in a cavity of a tree, or a deserted Woodpecker's hole. It lines its nest with moss, hair, and feathers. The female lays five to eight white, spotted, half-inch-long eggs.