

### Peak Molting Timeline

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
American Goldfinch*									
Lesser Goldfinch (California & Oregon)									
Lesser Goldfinch (Central States)*									
Black-capped									
Carolina Chickadee									
Blue Jay									
Jays (Western Scrub, Stellar's)									
Eastern Bluebird									
Mountain Bluebird									
Western Bluebird									
Downy Woodpecker									
Red-breasted Nuthatch									
White-breasted Nuthatch									
Tufted Titmouse									
Oak & Juniper Titmouse									
House Finch									
Mourning Dove									
European Starling									
Carolina Wren									
Bewick's Wren									
House Wren									
Northern Flicker									
Song Sparrow (Eastern)									
Song Sparrow (Western)									
Northern Cardinal									

Timeline when N. America bird species are at peak molting period according to "The Birds of North America Online" website.

<http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna>

Actual molting time varies between birds and regions. It generally takes about 4 weeks for a bird to molt its feathers.

Summer / Fall molts are usually complete molts (head, body, flight and tail feathers).

Spring molts are partial molts (head and body) and done by a few bird species.

\*American Goldfinch also does a partial molt (head and body) in the spring: April, May, June.

\*Lesser Goldfinch (Central States) also does a partial molt (head and body) in spring: April, May.