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## Paridae the CHICKADEES and TITMICE

This family is comprised of 63 species of birds distributed worldwide. It is made up of a variety of small, stout birds that are often described as being very social and very active. These birds are also known to be quite noisy in a variety of situations.

Twelve members of the Paridae family have been found in North America. Three of these species are found in the Carolinas. One, the Black-capped Chickadee, is a bird common in the northern United States and Canada. In the Carolinas, it is found only on the taller peaks of North Carolina's mountains, usually above 4,500 feet. The remaining two species, the Carolina Chickadee and the Tufted Titmouse, are common birds throughout both North and South Carolina. They are both cavity-nesting species that must find a hole in a tree or use an artificial nest box to raise their young.