

(Will Stuart)



Troglodytidae the WRENS

Wrens are small, brown, active birds with short wings who often move about with their tails cocked upright. They are known as being both noisy, high-spirited birds and as quite secretive birds. The family name of “troglodyte,” which means cave dweller, was ascribed to this group because the majority of these birds nest in cavities. Taxonomists have identified 85 species, most of which are found in the New World. Nine species are found in North America and six of these nine have been found in the Carolinas.