

Sabino Canyon Bird Song
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Roughly to the tune:
I know a song that gets on everybody's nerves
Everybody's nerves
Everybody's nerves
I know a song that gets on everybody's nerves
And this is how it goes

Abert's towhee likes to use both feet
Use both feet
Use both feet
Abert's towhee likes to use both feet
when finding seeds to eat.

I know the Broad-billed Hummingbird
Hummingbird
hummingbird
Zooms around so they need to eat
more than their weight each day.

I know a bird Called a Cactus Wren
Cactus wren
Cactus wren
Calls like the motor when your car won't start
And this is our state bird

The common raven is an acrobat
Acrobat
acrobat
Glossy black, and when they fly
they will do somersaults

See the Coopers Hawk fly so high
Flap flap glide
Flap flap glide
Here in Tucson there are the most
of this great bird of prey

The Curve-billed thrasher calls whit-wheet
calls whit wheet
calls whit wheet
in a cholla you will find its nest
made up of thorny twigs

I know a bird with a feather on its head
Feather on its head
Feather on its head
Likes to run with the whole family
And it's called the Gambel's quail

Turn Saguaros into bird condos
Bird condos
Bird condos
Gila Woodpecker lives in the hole
But only for a year

What do you know about the Great horned owl?
Great horned owl
Great horned owl
Hunts at night for its tasty prey
and coughs up all the bones

Roadrunner Roadrunner runs so fast
runs so fast
runs so fast
Likes to eat lizards and scorpions
and even rattlesnakes

The Northern Cardinal uses Camouflage
Camouflage
camouflage
Male bright red but female brown
so she cannot be seen

Who's the bird making those odd sounds?
Ding dong ding
bow wow wow
That is the Northern Mockingbird
and it lives here all year

Phainopepla eats Mistletoe
Mistletoe
Mistletoe
Male is black and the female grey
and both have bright red eyes.

The bird called Verdin is a nectar thief
Nectar thief
Nectar thief
Makes a nest with a hole below
in a palo verde tree

I know a bird Called a White winged dove
White winged dove
White winged dove
Here in the summer to pollinate
The big saguaro flowers