



Male House Finch Singing in Late Winter

Sound and Music

- Winter on a trail is often a quiet time. Why might sounds change with the seasons?
- What birds do you hear? What birds might you hear calling at night?
- Why might birds make different sounds at different times of the year? (Birds in late winter or early spring may be singing to attract mates.)
- Listen for the sounds your steps make in the snow as you walk. How does the sound change with the temperature or the kind of snow? What words can you use to describe the sounds?
- What sounds made by mammals, people, or objects do you hear at different locations along the trail? Which sounds are made by animals trying to communicate warnings, joy, sadness or other ideas?
- What sounds could be heard on a winter walk today but not a century ago? What sounds might have been heard long ago but not today?
- What sounds can you make by using snow?

- What songs or music describe winter activities?
- What kind of music might a composer make to go with pictures of what you see or experience on a trail?

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