



The Golden-Crowned Kinglet is one of our smallest songbirds. This chunky little bird would just fit in the palm of your hand. The male Golden-crowned Kinglet has an orange stripe in the middle of its yellow crown. The female's crown is all yellow.

The Ruby-crowned Kinglet is a relative of the Golden-crowned. They often feed together among pines and spruces. The Ruby-crowned is the same warm, olive-gray color. Its red crown is not easy to see. They nest in the northern States and Canada, but winter in the United States. The female hangs its tiny nest from a branch in a pine tree and lines the nest with feathers and strips of soft bark. There it lays five to ten whitish eggs, with pale brown spots.

You are likely to hear the Golden Crowned's loud song, see-see-see-see long before you can spot the bird among the pine needles. Kinglets feed mostly on beetles, flies, plant lice, and insect eggs. They flutter their wings as they feed, as though about to take off.

