



During the day, Whip-Poor-Will birds stay so well hidden in dead leaves or against branches that they are hard to see. They fly and feed at night. Many people know the whistled call, whip-poor-will, whip-poor-will, although they have never seen the bird. Whip-poor-wills twist and turn in flight, going after their main food: night-flying insects. Remember the white tail feathers and the brown wings. These distinguish the Whip-poor-will from its relative, the Nighthawk.

Whip-poor-wills do not build nests. Each female lays two white eggs in dead leaves on the ground. These eastern birds come north in the spring and return south in the fall.