Color Theory
Week 6: Working with a Complementary Palette
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I applied this complementary palette to my graphic below. I have trouble getting good yellows digitally (or maybe it's my screen), but I muted them and they seem to work.

BEST BACKYARD BIRDS

THE RESULTS ARE IN! IN OUR JANUARY ISSUE, WE ASKED YOU, THE READERS OF BACKYARD BIRDING, TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE FAMILIAR FLYER. HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID!

1. WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

Common at feeders across the US, you'll recognize these gravity-defyers when they climb up and down trees head-first.

29%

2. BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

These tiny birds are a favorite for their small size and for being an alarm system to all their neighbors. Other birds understand their distinctive 'chickadee-dee-dee' alarm call!

24%

5. NORTHERN CARDINAL

Cardinals are loved for their vibrant color and distinctive crest, but watch out! A visible crest means it's agitated!

13%

3. AMERICAN ROBIN

The robin is known for being a herald of spring and can be spotted running quickly along the ground in search of earthworms.

20%

4. AMERICAN CROW

Crows made the list for their intelligence and remarkable sociality. They use tools and can solve problems as a group!

14%