

## Feather Circle

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“It’s day!” Carolina Wren bosses, “Wake up! Wake up!”

Pecka-peck of Downy Woodpecker  
Rattle-rasp of Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Happy trees welcome a cleaning

Blue-gray Gnatcatchers harvest insect monsters from spreading oaks

American Goldfinches hog a swinging, swaying feeder

Titmice and Carolina Chickadees race and grab seeds as big guys leave

Jaybird chuckles and screams; fake hawk calls to excite

Mockingbird peace-singing everyone’s song

Sunny and hot  
Hummingbird protects Firespike and Jatropha  
Mini-screams and zooming  
Waits patiently until bees finish.

High and elegant in red maple tree  
Great Crested Flycatcher watches all with soft “tweep”

Higher, Black Vultures cruise  
Looking, looking, looking, looking

Twilight, fat hummingbird leaves flowers to hummer moths

Deeper Twilight, sweet chirps of Cardinal pair finishing work

Night, soft trilled whirrs  
Eastern Screech Owl begins hunt

Moon says, “My turn”

Morning will wait