



Carolina Wrens: A Bird's Eye View of Downtown

A little birdie told me Anderson is a great place to live, work and play! Taking a stroll down main street makes bird watching fun and enlightening!

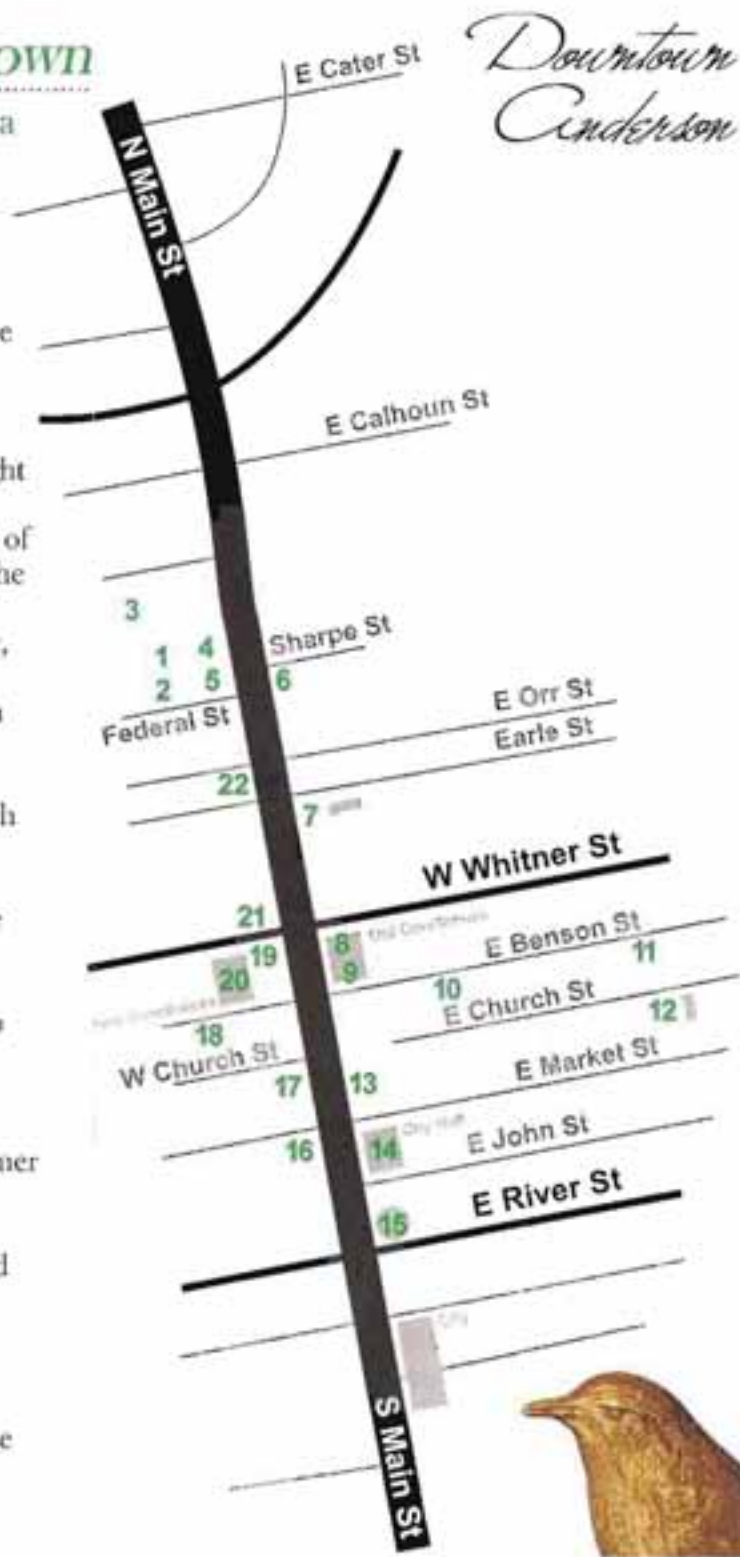
Carolina Wrens: A Bird's Eye View of Downtown is a special installation of bronze wren sculptures throughout Downtown Anderson. Through the revitalization of Downtown, we wanted to bring a sense of creativity and character. These intriguing sculptures were created by artist, Zan Wells.

Follow these clues



1. Going Up? Please take me to see the galleries full of art and creativity.
2. Visitors far and near discover treasures here or find their way around most every day.
3. The early bird gets the worm and best produce in town when they gather here from all around.
4. Carolina wrens checked out books here back in the day and then the arts along the way.
5. Wrens take to the air when the weather is fair, but keep in mind what they find when this federal building used to deliver.
6. Named for our past governor and built in the 20's, this hotel was the site for the famous aplenty. Hollywood types, including actor George Clooney, make even us Carolina Wrens all swoony.
7. Take a dip or get a sip. You will find me staying where the water is spraying.
8. You don't need a watch when you are downtown, just look up and you will see I have built my nest on the ledge at a quarter till three.
9. This unique building is the third of its kind built on the square, where the business of the county I watch from the stair.
10. Here patrons are pampered. We birds just preen; you will have to look up if you want to be seen.

11. I wait between the perfect shoe and a gate. It is a beautiful spot to dally, some call me Pracht Alley.
12. Shhh... Listen and you will hear voices of the black pioneers. Their businesses once lined this street, thrived, and brought commerce and a place for us to meet.
13. Some wrens are hard to spot, but here I alight near the Church Street parking lot.
14. The colors are in bloom and there is plenty of room in my bed, just left of the hall where the City of Anderson welcomes us all.
15. Five birds of a feather take a splash together, while children watch to see if one of us will fly and perch on high. Oh look is that worm for me?
16. Foraging and searching through foliage is where I will be, look down around the bench and you will see!
17. Home builders visited here in the past for hardware and tools sure to last. Now people visit for other fine things like coffee, dinner and clothes to make you sing.
18. Then, as well as, now ice cream is served up with a smile. Order by the scoop, but be careful, I will swoop!
19. Lamp lights come on in the evening thanks to this inventor, the square is aglow all summer and winter.
20. The judicial branch resides here addressing court matters, while I sing of the present and not the latter.
21. Once a grand hotel to stay for a night, now renovated and restored, by this portico column I get ready for flight.
22. Rest yourself here and look just below notice the tracks where the trolley used to go!



Carolina Wren

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a large wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus*, of the US, having a musical call.

Singing one of the loudest songs per volume of bird, the Carolina Wren's "tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea-kettle" is familiar across the Southeast. It is a common bird in urban areas, and is more likely to nest in a hanging plant than in a birdhouse.

Characteristics of a Carolina Wren

- Small buffy songbird
- Tail often held upward
- Rusty underparts
- White eyestripe
- Loud

Cool Facts about Carolina Wrens

- The Carolina Wren is sensitive to cold weather, with the northern populations decreasing markedly after severe winters.
- Unlike other wren species in its genus, only the male Carolina Wren sings the loud song. In other species, such as the Stripe-breasted Wren of Central America, both members of a pair sing together. The male and female sing different parts, and usually interweave their songs such that they sound like a single bird singing.
- One captive male Carolina Wren sang nearly 3,000 times in a single day.
- A pair bond may form between a male and a female at any time of the year, and the pair will stay together for life. Members of a pair stay together on their territory year-round, and forage and move around the territory together.

Information obtained from
www.dictionary.com and www.allaboutbirds.org.

The Key

1. Arts Warehouse *elevator ledge*
2. Convention & Visitors Bureau
at the Arts Warehouse *above CVB window*
3. Anderson County Farmer's Market
top left column at entrance
4. Carnegie Building *marble, left of stairs*
5. Sullivan King Mortuary / Federal Bldg.
right entrance pillar
6. Calhoun Hotel / Regions Bank *concrete column*
7. City Fountain *edge of center fountain*
8. County Courthouse *ledge, center window*
9. County Courthouse *stairs landing*
10. Lilia Day Spa *left awning column*
11. Pracht Alley *wrought iron fence, left side*
12. Church Street Business Monument
on monument
13. Church Street Parking Lot *light column, left side*
14. City Hall *flower bed, left of light*
15. Fountain (5 birds)
16. Bench at Church Street
left of bench on granite bed
17. Sullivan Building Market / Sullivan Hardware
brick inset, left of sign
18. Dickson / Koo Koo Ice Cream *on metal sign*
19. Whitner Lamp Post
20. New Courthouse *right side portico by planter*
21. Chiquola Hotel *inside column on brick*
22. Bench at Orr Street / Historic Trolley Tracks
granite edge, looking toward road



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