

A Little Birdie Told Me...



Carolina Wren

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

Carolina Wrens, The Darlings of South Carolina

In the South, we love our songbirds. We adore their flitting and chirping, and delight in the way their feathers color our landscape. And in South Carolina, no other songbird is more irresistible than the Carolina Wren.

This small, buffy creature is recognizable by its rusty underside, white eye stripe, and upright tail. But more often than not, you'll hear our feathered friends before you see them. Carolina Wrens are loud, with their "tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea-kettle" warble a familiar refrain. Common in urban areas, you're more likely to see them nesting in a hanging plant than a birdhouse.

The Key.....

1. Arts Warehouse (2 birds) *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) *corner of River Street & Main Street*
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 St. / Historic Trolley Tracks *granite edge, looking toward road*
23. Anderson County Museum *base of Orr Monument, on Greenville St.*
24. Anderson County Library *base of right column at side entrance*



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Carolina Wrens: A Bird's Eye View of Downtown

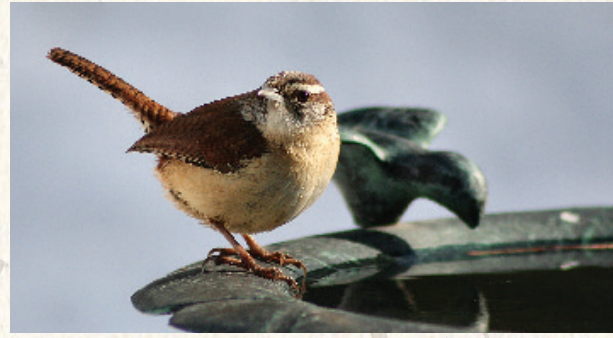


A little birdie told me Anderson is a great place to live, work and play!
Taking a stroll down main street makes bird watching fun and enlightening!

A little birdie told me that Main Street is aflutter, with dozens of Carolina Wrens roosting in some unusual spots. Come stroll downtown and put your bird watching skills to the test. Binoculars and hiking boots optional.

Follow these clues

1. Going Up? Galleries full of art and creativity give everyone a lift.
2. Visitors far and near come to discover Anderson here.
3. Here the early bird gets the worm and the best produce in town!
4. Carolina Wrens checked out books here back in the day and then the arts along the way.
5. This unique federal building once was home to Anderson's Post Office.
6. Named for a governor and built in the 1920s, this former hotel now houses permanent nests for many.
7. Take a dip or get a sip. You will find me staying where the water is spraying.
8. A time piece is not needed downtown; look up to see my nest on the ledge at a quarter to 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. Patrons are pampered and little birds preen. You'll have to look up if I'm 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. Black pioneers' businesses once lined this street, brought commerce and a place 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!

Artist Zan Wells' bronze statues capture the beauty and grace of our beloved Carolina Wren for this most special installation.

How many of these captivating creatures can you find? Follow the hints below, but if they leave you clueless refer to the key for help.

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.
19. 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 of 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!
23. History, heritage and songs of the past surround me here, where I discover stories that last.
24. Check me out here with two of my favorite things, books and worms!

Downtown Anderson

