

## **Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*)**



### **Resident breeder**

**Status in Quebec:** Range: stable      Population: increasing

**Habitat:** deciduous or mixed forest, continuous forests or small islands of trees or shrubs in urban settings.

**Ecological importance:** consumes seeds and harmful insects, disperses seeds, enjoyed by bird watchers

### **Why should the Black-capped Chickadee be an emblem of Morin-Heights?**

The Black-capped Chickadee is small but mighty. On any winter day, you will see them here and there, especially around bird feeders, flitting like little fairies, tiny bundles of black, white and yellow feathers. In English, their common name comes from the call they make: “chickadee-dee-dee”! They do not migrate from our cold winters, and yet, the population of these merry little insectivores is doing well! They may be small in size, but they make up for this in their numbers, darting easily through our woodlands and suburbs with ease and savvy, constantly moving in their quest for food. As insectivores, they regulate our insect population through the spring, summer and fall. They are model citizens, integral to the forest, and their cheerful chirping brings joy to our lives. The Black-capped Chickadee should be the de facto emblematic bird of our area through its sheer force of presence and the smile they bring to us. We have only to embrace the truth!