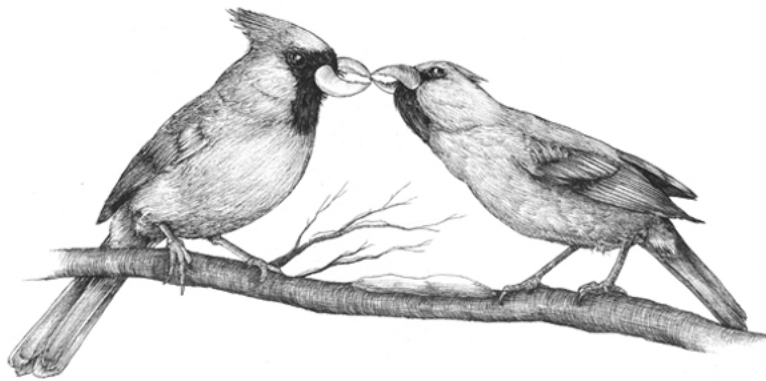


Northern Nitpicker
Maxilla Cardinalis
The Oddubon Collection

The Northern Nitpicker is best known for the massive mandibles which allow it, in Oddubon's words, "Most significant strength and accuracy" as compared to its more mundane avian relative, the cardinal. Indeed, while the cardinal may sometimes be seen in a mating ritual wherein the male and female seem to "lock beaks" as the former supplies the latter with a seed, for the Northern Nitpicker such an action requires extraordinary precision lest the creatures wound one another in the process.



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