

SOCIAL STYLE AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

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At any event we are likely to see a variety of Social Styles. Here are some you may recognize, and some tips to socialize.

The Hummingbird

The Hummingbird flits from group to group flapping her wings – I mean arms. Typically female, the Hummingbird usually has a smile and a happy bright face. Her entire body seems to gesture as she uses her eyebrows and hands in uplifting motions and sweeps. Her voice is typically high and lilting. She is a positive sparkling and light-hearted presence at any gathering.

The Cardinal

Beautifully and fashionably dressed, the Cardinal makes a stunning presence. Regal, elegant, mysterious and aloof, she holds court with her fans. Food and drinks are brought to her as her good favour is sought after. She expects attention and prestige. If you want to know what's 'in', just ask a Cardinal. She is a wonderful friend when she is as beautiful on the inside as on the outside.

The Sparrow

The industrious Sparrow makes herself indispensable by seeing what needs to be done and following through. She quietly serves food, removes debris and cleans dishes. Her gaze is clear and direct, her movements are quick and efficient, and her demeanour is warm and inclusive as she goes about her business ensuring guests' needs are fulfilled. It is a blessing to know this generous spirit.

The Crow

The life of any party, the Crow is comfortable being the centre of attention. She gets people dancing, laughing, and is the instigator of anything truly fun. She may seem overwhelming to

the Swallow or Wren, as she may sometimes go 'over the top'. If you have a Crow at your event, it's sure to be lively. You could give her the position of 'Entertainer'.

The Woodpecker

You may not feel comfortable with too many Woodpeckers around. The Woodpecker may hammer away at an idea very loudly, often in a complaining or judgemental manner. She can be a negative disruption at your event. Putting her with a crow can get her into a positive swing.

The Robin

The Robin makes a great host and guest. Elegant, refined, and poised, she is adept at planning and creating an inviting and well-organized event. Her attention to detail is reflected in her coordinated dress and accessories. Her body language is open, warm, and charming.

The Swallow

The Swallow is quietly present – comfortable by herself or in a small group. Her body language is low-key. Introduce her to people with whom she has something in common. She may be one of the first to leave a party.

The Wren

Often socially anxious, the Wren worries if anyone will talk to her. She will usually avoid crowds. She may look nervous, with darting looks, and agitated gestures. Do what you can to help the Wren feel comfortable.

A variety of Social Styles can make your event interesting and interactive. To re-work an old cliché, get birds of many feathers to flock together. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

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