

Bird-a-thon Matching Game



Test your bird knowledge!

Match each bird below to the fact that best describes it.

1. ____ Dovekie

A. This bird usually feeds on the ground and its gentle cooing is often mistaken for the hoot of an owl.

2. ____ Carolina Wren

B. This bird draws predators away from its young by pretending it has a broken wing in what is called a distraction display.

3. ____ Turkey Vulture

C. It can be surprising to see a duck exploring a hole high in a tree, but this is where this species nests - although you could convince it to use a nest box.

4. ____ Killdeer

5. ____ Wood Duck

D. Sometimes called the "wild canary" of the Americas, the song of this bird has a distinctive four-note flight call given as they "bounce" through the air: *po-ta-to chip, po-ta-to chip*

6. ____ Common Yellowthroat

7. ____ Mourning Dove

E. You may have heard of the Great Auk, a bird that went extinct in the 19th century, but this bird is known as the Little Auk.

8. ____ Cedar Waxwing

F. One of the few birds with a well-developed sense of smell, this bird has a bald head to allow it to eat carrion without parasites clinging to feathers.

9. ____ American Goldfinch

G. Sporting a bandit mask, this bird regales his partner with a bold "*witchity, witchity*".

10. ____ Common Nighthawk

H. Birders look forward to this impressive fall migration but it's not the "hawk" you are thinking of. Despite its name it's not a hawk at all.

I. This bird's favorite foods are fruit and berries.

J. This cheerful bird is often seen at feeders and near homes, cocking its tail and belting out "*teakettle, teakettle*".



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