



# Bird-a-thon Bird Match-up



Test your bird knowledge!

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

1. \_\_\_\_ Common Merganser

**A.** This bird has a less-than-perfect reputation since females never build nests of their own, instead laying their eggs in the nests of other species.

2. \_\_\_\_ Chimney Swift

**B.** Researchers recently discovered that more than one third of the birds of this species, which breeds along the Atlantic coast, spend the winter in the Bahamas.

3. \_\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

**C.** This bird flashes the bright patches in its tail and wings to startle insect prey and give it an opportunity to catch them.

4. \_\_\_\_ Piping Plover

**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*

5. \_\_\_\_ American Redstart

**E.** The name of this species comes from Latin and translates to "plunging goose".

6. \_\_\_\_ Bald Eagle

**F.** The extremely short legs of this bird prevent it from walking or hopping. It is only able to shuffle along a perch.

7. \_\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird

**G.** Considered the emblem of the United States, the average wingspan of an adult specimen of this bird is 6-7 feet.

8. \_\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing

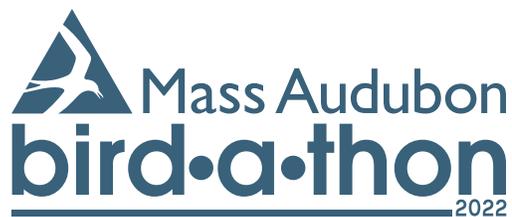
**H.** This bird has been domesticated for thousands of years and has served as both message carrier and pet.

9. \_\_\_\_ American Goldfinch

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

10. \_\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon

**J.** This bird is among the most aerial of birds, flying almost constantly except when roosting overnight and nesting.



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