

Spring Birds

Northern Oriole

1. When do orioles usually return to the upper Midwest? _____
2. What foods can you use to attract an oriole to a feeder? _____
- 3a. Describe the nest of an oriole and (b) how long does it take for the female to build?
a. _____ b. _____

Goldfinch

4. What color is a goldfinch in winter? _____
5. What do goldfinch eat? _____

Great Blue Heron

6. How tall are great blue herons? _____
7. What do herons eat? _____
8. Describe how the feet and beak help the heron find food. _____

Red-wing Blackbird

- 9 What habitat would you most likely find a red-wing? _____
- 10 What special marking does this bird have? _____
- 11 How do males scare away other birds from their territory? _____

Robin

12. When do the robins return? _____
13. What is their favorite food? _____
14. Where do robins spend the winter? _____

Bluebird

15. Why did the number of bluebirds decline? _____
16. Why have the number of bluebirds increased in recent years?

Canada Goose

17. What is the name of a baby goose? _____
18. How do you tell a male from a female goose? _____
19. What two important events occur in Aug.? a. _____ b. _____

Red-tailed Hawk

20. What special marking does this bird have? _____
21. What is their favorite food? _____
22. What do you call the specialized flight of this bird? _____

Mourning Dove

23. How did the mourning dove get its name? _____

24. What do mourning doves eat? _____

Killdeer

25. How does the killdeer get its name? _____

26. Where do killdeer nest? _____

27. How does a killdeer get a predator away from its nest? _____

Common Flicker

28. Why were some Native American clans called "flickers"? _____

29. Flickers belong to what family of birds? _____

30 Where do flickers nest? _____

Common Grackle

31. What family are grackles in? _____

32. What important job do grackles do in nature? _____

33. Where do grackles nest and what materials do they use? _____

Indigo Bunting

34. What do buntings eat? _____

Rose-Breasted Grosbeak

35. Describe its beak? What do grosbeaks eat? a. _____ b. _____

36. What month is the best time to see grosbeaks? _____ Why? _____

Common Loon

37. Why do loons have solid bones? _____

38 Why do loons have red eyes? _____

39. Why are motors boats harmful to loons? _____

Kingfisher

40. Describe how a kingfisher feeds: _____

41. a. Where do kingfisher's nest and (b.) how do they make their nest? a. _____

b. _____

Hummingbird

42. a. How many inches is a hummingbird? _____ Weight? _____

43. How many times can a Hummingbird beat its wings in a second? _____

44. Describe three things about a hummingbird nest: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____