

# 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?

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## 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 motor 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. \_\_\_\_\_