

Birds Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts  
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Birds trivia explores a group of animals whose origins trace back to theropod dinosaurs and whose species now inhabit every continent on Earth. From migration and song to flight, beaks, and record-setting abilities, it offers a lively way to learn how birds evolved and why they have fascinated people across cultures for centuries.

HARD BIRDS TRIVIA

1. Which bird is specifically noted for both scavenging and hunting, making it notable for using two very different feeding strategies?

Answer: The marabou stork.

2. A bird strongly linked with the cloud forests of Central America is the what?

Answer: The resplendent quetzal.

3. True or false: King penguins typically build nests from sticks or stones.?

Answer: False

4. Which bird feeds by flying low and letting its elongated lower bill slice along the water surface?

Answer: The black skimmer.

5. Which birds have such short legs that they are awkward on flat ground?

Answer: Swifts.

6. Which powerful raptor is known for taking sizable arboreal prey such as sloths and monkeys?

Answer: The harpy eagle.

7. On which Beatles album would you find the song "Blackbird"?

Answer: The White Album.

8. Who is often called the father of American ornithology?

Answer: Alexander Wilson.

9. Which modern guide-maker is especially known for bird identification guides?

Answer: David Allen Sibley.

10. The secretarybird is native to which continent?

Answer: Africa.

11. Birds moving between breeding and wintering areas are said to travel along major what?

Answer: Flyways.

12. Birds are descendants of which group of dinosaurs?

Answer: Theropod dinosaurs.

13. Which cone-specialist uses crossed bill tips to pry open conifer cones?

Answer: The red crossbill.

14. Which bird is famous for caching large numbers of pine seeds and later recovering many of them?

Answer: Clark's nutcracker.

#### FUNNY BIRDS TRIVIA

1. When birds handle the whole 'starting a family' thing, what do all living birds lay instead of sending birth announcements from a hospital?

Answer: Eggs

2. Birds skipped one mouth upgrade entirely. What do they have rather than teeth?

Answer: Beaks

3. Which birds are famous for the intense front-facing stare powered by large eyes, like nature's night-shift detectives?

Answer: Owls

4. Many seabirds prefer crowded apartment living when breeding. These dense colonies are often found on what kind of place?

Answer: Islands

5. The flightless cormorant picked a very exclusive address. Where does it live only?

Answer: The Galápagos Islands

6. Which youngster comes with built-in climbing gear by using clawed wing digits to scramble through vegetation?

Answer: The hoatzin chick

7. Which bird basically turns a tree cavity into a sealed maternity suite using mud and fruit pulp?

Answer: The great hornbill

8. Which birds have been seen sliding down snowy roofs and seeming to play in the air like feathery little stunt comics?

Answer: Ravens

9. Which bird's musky smell can accidentally function like a terrible anti-camouflage strategy for predators?

Answer: The killdeer

10. If you wanted a view of famously huge flamingo flocks, which lake should you put on the itinerary?

Answer: Lake Nakuru

11. Who helped popularize studying birds with binoculars instead of turning every outing into a skin-collecting project?

Answer: Florence Merriam Bailey

12. Who wrote early influential observations about birds at Selborne, proving that careful watching beats loud guessing?

Answer: Gilbert White

13. Which bird can stay airborne for months at a time, basically turning 'touching grass' into an optional hobby?

Answer: The common swift

#### FUN BIRDS TRIVIA

1. Which bird turns courtship into a fancy footwork show by lifting its bright feet in an exaggerated display?

Answer: The blue-footed booby.

2. What bird famously fakes a broken wing to lure predators away from its nest?

Answer: The killdeer.

3. Which bird was rescued from the brink through captive breeding and reintroduction?

Answer: The California condor.

4. Peacocks are best known for showing off what eye-catching feature?

Answer: A large colorful tail display.

5. If a bird is dining on carrion, which group is it most famously associated with?

Answer: Vultures.

6. What handy built-in scoop do pelicans use for catching fish?

Answer: A throat pouch.

7. The dodo was native to which island location?

Answer: Mauritius.

8. In what year did the passenger pigeon go extinct?

Answer: 1914.

9. True or false: Penguins can fly long distances over the ocean.?

Answer: False

10. The kiwi is native to which country?

Answer: New Zealand.

11. Which U.S. state has one of the largest populations of bald eagles?

Answer: Alaska.

12. Which penguin dad balances the egg on his feet through the Antarctic winter?

Answer: The emperor penguin male.

13. Which birds build and decorate display structures with collected objects to impress a mate?

Answer: Male bowerbirds.

#### BIRDS FAMILY TRIVIA

1. What do precocial chicks do soon after hatching?

Answer: They can move around soon after hatching.

2. Which kind of chicks hatch in a relatively helpless condition?

Answer: Altricial chicks hatch relatively helpless.

3. The flightless cormorant lives only in which island group?

Answer: The Galápagos Islands.

4. How many toes does an ostrich have on each foot?

Answer: Two toes.

5. Which bird has nostrils near the tip of its bill?

Answer: The kiwi.

6. Flamingos get much of their pink color from what source?

Answer: Pigments in their diet.

7. Which bird is a flightless parrot native to New Zealand?

Answer: The kakapo.

8. During courtship, what bright feature does a male frigatebird inflate?

Answer: A red throat pouch.

9. Which bird is famous for a bill shaped somewhat like a wooden clog?

Answer: The shoebill.

10. Which bird is an example of one that lays its eggs in the nests of other birds?

Answer: The common cuckoo.

11. What name is given to the high-speed hunting dives of peregrine falcons?

Answer: Stoops.

12. Which bird is known for having one of the largest wingspans of any living bird?

Answer: The wandering albatross.

#### EASY BIRDS TRIVIA

1. What do birds have covering their bodies?

Answer: Feathers

2. Emus come from which country?

Answer: Australia

3. What kind of feet do ducks commonly have?

Answer: Webbed feet

4. Who wrote the ballet "The Firebird"?

Answer: Igor Stravinsky

5. Who composed "Swan Lake"?

Answer: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

6. Who wrote the fairy tale "The Ugly Duckling"?

Answer: Hans Christian Andersen

7. Who is the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird"?

Answer: Harper Lee

8. Who wrote "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

Answer: Maya Angelou

9. Who wrote "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"?

Answer: Ken Kesey

10. Who first recorded the song "Rockin' Robin"?

Answer: Bobby Day

11. Which group had a hit with "Surfin' Bird"?

Answer: the Trashmen

12. Who recorded the song "Free Bird"?

Answer: Lynyrd Skynyrd

13. Foghorn Leghorn is what kind of cartoon bird?

Answer: A rooster

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