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What Bird Am I?

An activity of "Birds in their world".

It is fascinating how birds come in so many different forms! See and learn more about them in "Birds in their world" (page 14–17, *What's Up* August 2023) and be awestruck by the beautiful award-winning photographs.

PART 1: Identify the birds

Read the descriptions that accompany each photograph in the article. Then, use the clues in the cards below to identify the birds.

A) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I build my nest in the mangroves in Florida.

Hunting habit: I extend my long neck to stab at my prey. I like to put on a show when I hunt.

Diet: I eat small fish, frogs, and tadpoles.

Special feature: I have long legs and when I run back and forth in the shallow waters, I stir up the mud!

B) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I live in coniferous forests near open areas.

Hunting habit: I hunt during the day. I attack my prey suddenly and swiftly, plunging into the snow to grab them.

Diet: I enjoy a meal of small rodents such as mice and voles. I love small birds too!

Special features: I have good eyesight and hearing.

C) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I am an excellent swimmer and I live mostly at sea in Iceland.

Hunting habit: I use my wings to paddle and my webbed feet to steer in the water as I dive for my prey.

Diet: I go for herring and sand eels.

Special feature: My beak and feet are gray in colour when I'm young, but they turn bright orange as I mature.

D) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I live in the desert, and I build my nest on a cactus. I am not bothered by the thorns.

Hunting habit: I look for creepy crawlies from the prickly place where I stay.

Diet: I hunt for caterpillars to feed my chicks.

Special feature: I'm a tough and tiny bird with a yellow head.

E) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I like to nest near water bodies such as dams where I can hunt for food.

Hunting habit: I'm so powerful that I can simply grab my large prey from the water and take off with it.

Diet: I go for large fish!

Special feature: I am a large raptor with wings that span 1.5 metres across. No one messes with me!

F) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I live in colonies along the shores of the cold Southern Pacific and Antarctic Oceans.

Hunting habit: I zip through freezing water, filling up on my prey as I swim.

Diet: I eat krill which are small shrimp-like creatures.

Special feature: I can't fly. But I can jump, dive, and swim at 30km/h!

G) **Name of bird:** _____

Habitat: I live on the rocky shores and am quick to fly to avoid the sweeping waves.

Hunting habit: I probe the sand on the shores looking for my prey.

Diet: I enjoy a protein-rich diet of marine worms and snails.

Special feature: I have a long bill that comes in useful when probing the sand for food.

PART 2: Play a game

- 1) Form groups of up to seven players each. Sit in a circle.
- 2) Cut out the seven cards that each member has. Stack the 49 cards face down in the centre of the circle.
- 3) The game is played clockwise. The first player draws the top card and reads aloud any one clue for the others to identify the bird.
- 4) The player who gives the correct answer gets 2 points.
- 5) If no one guesses correctly, the players scan the article for the answer. The one who answers correctly after referring to the article gets 1 point.
- 6) Repeat till the cards are used up.
- 7) The player with the most points wins.