

Fun facts about birds and birding that will surprise even the most knowledgeable birders.

1. What is North America's smallest bird?
2. What is North America's heaviest bird?
3. What regularly occurring North American bird has the longest wingspan?
4. What member of the North American cuckoo family is known for its running ability?
5. What is North America's fastest bird?
6. What migrating bird flies the highest?
7. What migrant flies the fastest?
8. What seabird is known for its incredible migration between the Arctic and Antarctic oceans?
9. What is North America's smallest loon?
10. What is the most widespread grebe in the New World?
11. In Eurasia it is known as the Slavonian Grebe. What is this species called in North America?
12. What seabird nests high in trees in old-growth forests?
13. What is the tiniest member of the auk family?
14. What North American goose nests the farthest north?
15. What North American bird is also known as the "baldpate"?
16. What is the smallest shearwater regularly occurring off the coast of North America?
17. What seabird is the national bird of Bermuda?
18. Which of the two North American pelicans dives for fish?
19. What is the largest North American tern?
20. What is the smallest heron in the world?
21. What North American heron is most associated with saltwater habitats?
22. What species is also known as the "crab-eater"?
23. What is North America's only native stork?
24. In Europe it is known as the Kentish Plover. What is this species called in North America?
25. What shorebird species lays its eggs in old songbird nests high up in trees?

26. What shorebird undergoes a flightless molt?
27. What shorebird nest was first discovered during Admiral Peary's expedition to the North Pole in 1909?
28. Which of the smaller waders is usually found in forests and eats earthworms?
29. What was Benjamin Franklin's choice to be the national bird of the United States?
30. What raptor has been known to hang upside down in the branches of trees while searching for prey?
31. What North American raptor hunts cooperatively and shares the prey after capture?
32. What pair of unrelated raptors appear quite similar when seen soaring?
33. What is the largest falcon in the world?
34. What is the smallest owl in the world?
35. What is North America's closest relative to the famous quetzals of Central and South America?
36. What bird's plaintive song gives it the common name "Jose Maria" in Mexico?
37. What is the most northerly wintering *Empidonax* flycatcher?
38. What species did Audubon call the "Missouri skylark"?
39. What North American species is restricted to a single island?
40. What is the largest songbird (member of the passerine family) in North America?
41. What songbird is most closely associated with water and could actually be called a waterbird?
42. What North American species is our closest relative to the Old World group known as the babblers?
43. What family of songbirds behaves more like the raptors?
44. What species has the nickname "butcherbird"?
45. What native North American species regularly raises the most number of broods per year?
46. What species' voice is imitated by the sound of the cuckoo clock?
47. What bird's croaking call, often heard on hot humid days, gave it the nickname "rain crow"?
48. What was the first species of bird thought to "hibernate"?
49. What is the most northerly nesting species of hummingbird?
50. In the nineteenth century, before the House Sparrow became abundant throughout our cities, what was the most common city sparrow?
51. What species' name reflects its unconventional and seemingly carefree lifestyle?

52. What is the most common western warbler found as a vagrant in the East?
53. What warbler is named after an ornithologist's sister?
54. What duck dives the deepest?