

The Montclair Bird Club
An Online Quiz for Members and Friends
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Questions and answers by Rick Wright

1. What TV western's title character provides a nickname for the common yellowthroat?
2. Why do eared grebes eat their own feathers?
3. What owl is famous for asking "who cooks for you?"
4. Which US state is home to more endangered breeding bird species than any other?
5. What is the job of Harry Potter's snowy owl?
6. What was John James Audubon's native language?
7. What common New Jersey bird was once known as the bee martin?
8. Which direction does the bird face on a can of Kiwi shoe polish?
9. What is the principal food of the world's largest bird?
10. What is the state bird of Utah?
11. What extremely rare, extremely charismatic peep has been seen in North America less than six times and winters locally on tidal flats in southeast Asia?
12. What is the official English name of the bird once known as the marsh hawk?
13. Who provided the music for the movie version of Carl Hiaasen's "Hoot," the story of children fighting to preserve burrowing owls in Florida?
14. Where was the headquarters of Boehm Porcelain, famous for its china birds?
15. What is the official English name of the North American raptor whose scientific species name translates as "broad-winged"?
16. In what city are the wild parrots of Telegraph Hill resident?
17. What mythical creature is traditionally considered the monarch of the birds in China?

18. What was the magazine published by Don Knotts's character in the movie "The Love God"?
19. Who sat all day on "six white eggs on a bed of hay" in a poem by William Cullen Bryant?
20. What New Jersey wildlife refuge was created to protect the Atlantic brant?
21. What do oxpeckers eat?
22. What bird visited a famous American poet once upon a midnight dreary?
23. What is New Jersey's only species of stifftail?
24. Which wood warbler sings "I am so lazy"?
25. Which of his students at Cambridge did Audubon's friend John Thomas Henslow send off on an exploring trip to South America in 1831?
26. What rare aerial insectivore did Paul Lehman discover over the South Cape May Meadows on November 6, 1997?
27. Which tern has been seen in the United States only at Cape May and across the bay in Delaware?
28. What startling seabird did Shawneen Finnegan discover flying over the median at mile marker 6 of the Garden State Parkway on May 21, 2000?
29. What did John Hames Audubon lose in St. Louis on Saturday, April 22, 1843, as he and his companions were preparing for the steamboat trip up the Missouri River?

Answers on the next pages.

1. (5 points) The Lone Ranger. (5-point bonus: Name the actor who played the Lone Ranger on television. Clayton Moore.)
2. (10 points) To aid in the digestion of brine shrimp.
3. (2 points) The barred owl.
4. (5 points) Hawaii.
5. (5 points) It delivers the mail. (2-point bonus: What is the owl's name? Hedwig.)
6. (2 points) French.
7. (10 points) The eastern kingbird
8. (2 points) Left, or sometimes right; down is also acceptable.
9. (10 points) Grass, leaves, and seeds
10. (5 points) The California gull.
11. (10 points) The spoon-billed sandpiper.
12. (2 points) The northern harrier.
13. (10 points) Jimmy Buffett.
14. (5 points) Trenton, New Jersey.
15. (5 points) The broad-winged hawk.
16. (2 points) San Francisco.
17. (5 points) The phoenix.
18. (10 points) The Peacock.
19. (5 points) The female bobolink.
20. (2 points) Brigantine, now Edwin B. Forsythe NWR. (5-point bonus: What plant die-off in the 1930s caused the crash in brant populations? Eelgrass.)
21. (10 points) Ectoparasites taken from large grazing mammals.
22. (2 points) The raven.

23. (10 points) The ruddy duck.
24. (5 points) The black-throated blue warbler.
25. (5 points) Charles Darwin.
26. (20 points) A brown-chested martin.
27. (20 points) The whiskered tern.
28. (20 points) A yellow-nosed albatross.
29. (25 points) The last tooth in his upper jaw.