

BIRD BRAIN TRIVIA

1. There are 9,000 species of birds in the world. Approximately how many of these species occur in North America?



- one quarter
- one half;
- three quarters;
- all

2. What bird is the fastest animal on earth, clocked at speeds of 320 km or 200 miles per hour ... while pursuing its prey through the air?

- Dusky capped flycatcher
- Chimney swift
- Canada warbler
- Peregrine falcon



3. Migratory birds use a variety of specialized processes in order to complete their yearly migration. Check out the following list and choose the method of navigation that birds DO NOT use to migrate.

- They sense the earth's magnetic field
- They observe the stars and sun
- They use their sense of smell
- They use their tail feathers as a compass

4. The Arctic tern makes the longest round-trip migratory journey in the world. Approximately how far does the tern fly each year?

- 3,200 km (2,000 miles)
- 8,000 km (5,000 miles)
- 16,000 km (10,000 miles)
- 32,100 km (20,000 miles)



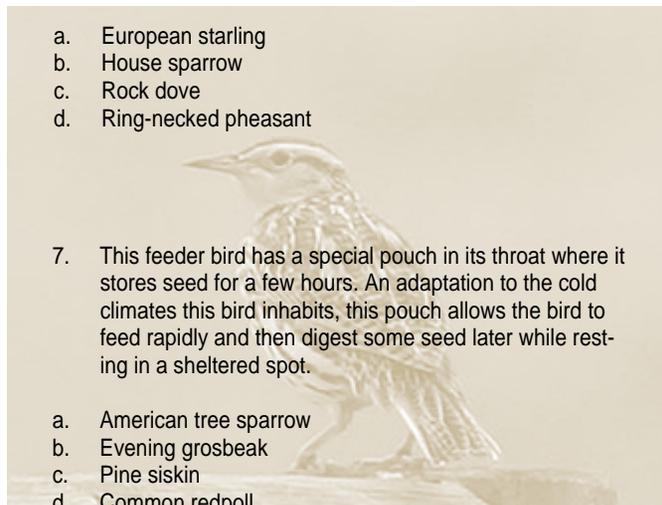
5. American robins locate earth-worms by

- Sight
- Sound
- Touch
- Smell



6. What aggressive and noisy feeder bird was introduced to North America in the late 1800s as part of one man's plan to have all of the birds in Shakespeare's works living in Central Park in New York City?

- European starling
- House sparrow
- Rock dove
- Ring-necked pheasant



7. This feeder bird has a special pouch in its throat where it stores seed for a few hours. An adaptation to the cold climates this bird inhabits, this pouch allows the bird to feed rapidly and then digest some seed later while resting in a sheltered spot.

- American tree sparrow
- Evening grosbeak
- Pine siskin
- Common redpoll

8. The roots of the tongues of many species of wood-pecker reach:

- to the back of the throat
- around the back of the skull, over the top of the skull and into an area behind the right eyeball
- down the throat and attach to the bottom of the furcula (wishbone)
- to the back of the skull

9. Which of the following should not be included in a winter feeding program for birds?

- Peanut kernels
- Salt
- Suet
- Grit



10. Mammals aren't the only ones that produce milk for their young. One bird is fed milk by both parents. The milk contains more protein and fat than cow or human milk. Flamingos, emperor penguins and which of the following local birds produce milk?

- Snowy owls
- Pigeons
- Evening grosbeaks
- American robins

11. Which shore bird species is much more common in spring migration through Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira than in fall?

- Hudsonian Godwit
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- American Golden Plover
- All of the above



12. What is the State Bird of Kansas?

- Kansas Jayhawk
- Western Meadowlark
- North American Robin
- Hedge Sparrow



Answers 1 - b; 2 - d; 3 - d; 4 - d; 5 - a; 6 - a; 7 - d; 8 - b; 9 - b; 10 - b; 11 - d; 12 - a

