



Bird Address Cards



*Habitat – rivers, lakes, marshes, and
seacoast throughout most of the U.S.*
Answer: BALD EAGLE.

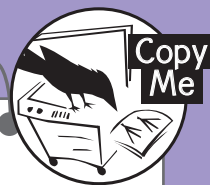
- I have very strong talons, or feet, that I use to catch fish and other small animals.
- I am a large bird with a wingspan up to 8 feet wide.
- When I am mature, I have a dark brown body with a white head and tail.
- I am the national emblem of the United States of America.

Card 1

Habitat – deserts, grasslands, and brushy arid areas
Answer: ROADRUNNER.

- I seldom fly but I can run up to 15 miles per hour, darting in and out of cactus thickets.
- I like to eat snakes, lizards, and insects.
- I have a brown streaked body and I am about 20 inches long.
- In cartoons, I have been depicted as a fast running bird that calls, “beep-beep.”

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Answer: WHOOPING CRANE.
*Habitat – summers in northern freshwater bogs,
winters on coastal prairies*

- I have long legs for wading and a long neck and beak for catching fish and amphibians.
- I am a very large white bird with black on my wing tips and red patches on my cheeks and crown.
- I was almost extinct in the 1940s, but rescue efforts have slowly increased my numbers.
- My trumpet-like call can be heard up to two miles away.

Card 3

Answer: OVENBIRD.
*Habitat – mature, dry forests; breeds from central
Canada to the northern Gulf states, winters from
the Gulf of Mexico to northern South America*

- My olive brown color helps me hide while I spend time on the forest floor.
- I am about the size of a sparrow and I like to eat earthworms, insects, and spiders.
- My name comes from my unusual nest on the forest floor that looks like a tiny Dutch oven.
- My song sounds like I am saying “teacher, teacher, teacher.”

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Answer: AMERICAN ROBIN.
*Habitat – towns, lawns, gardens, parks,
open woods, and farm lands*

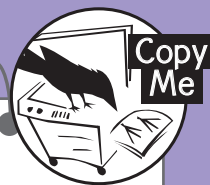
- I like to live in areas with grass and gardens, and I eat earthworms, insects, and berries.
- I have a rusty orange-colored breast with a grayish back and head.
- I usually have three to five blue-green eggs when I am nesting.
- My arrival in the northern parts of the United States is a sign of spring.

Card 5

Answer: BROWN PELICAN.
*Habitat – sandy coastal beaches,
lagoons, and estuaries*

- As a result of the widespread use of DDT in the '50s and '60s, the shell of my eggs became so fragile that many of my offspring perished, placing me on the endangered species list.
- I am an expert diver—I can plunge 60-70 feet after a fish.
- If you visit the ocean, you may see a line of us flying along the coastline.
- I am a very large brown bird with a throat pouch that helps me catch fish.

Card 6



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Answer: CALIFORNIA CONDOR.
Habitat - after the 1930s, mainly coastal mountains of California

- I was listed as an endangered bird in 1967 under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
- Captive breeding programs have helped to increase our numbers and over 80 of us have been successfully reintroduced into the wild.
- I am mostly black with no feathers on my head and feet, and I am one of the largest flying birds in the world.
- I soar over rugged mountains looking for carrion to eat.

Card 7

Answer: ROCK PIGEON (commonly known as a Rock Dove).
Habitat - cities, suburbs, and farms

- Introduced into North America long ago, I am one of the most well known birds in the world.
- I am very tame and can be found taking food from people in city parks and streets.
- I am a mostly gray bird, about 11-14 inches long.
- When I am taken from my home and released many miles away, I can usually find my way back home.

Card 8

Following Up

Habitat Match

What Did You Learn?

1. Adaptations enable birds to live in many different places or habitats, from deserts and mountains to oceans and marshes. Pick a bird and describe how it is adapted or suited to its habitat.
2. Do you think a small songbird, like an American Robin or Ovenbird, would be found looking for food in the same habitat as a Whooping Crane or Brown Pelican? Explain your answer.

Wanted: Your Feedback

1. Do you think participants learned new ideas or information from the “Habitat Match” activity? Please explain your answer.
2. What would you change about the “Habitat Match” activity?

Question for Reflection

Picture a bird that lives in the rainforest, such as a parrot: How is it adapted to its habitat?

