

Bird Scavenger Hunt Activity



Materials: Bird questions worksheet (pages 2-3)
18 Bird fact cards (pages 4-8)
Tape and scissors

Preparation: Print the fact cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.

Make copies of the bird questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Bird fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the back of your classroom door, on the sides of student desks, on the chalkboard, or wherever you like.

Activity: Students receive a copy of the question worksheet. They have to search the room and find all of the fact cards to answer the questions.

After they have completed the question sheet, you can go over the answers together with the class.

Management tips: You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work alone or with a classmate.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- the back of the classroom door
- laying flat on the bookshelf
- on the side of your computer monitor
- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.

Name: _____



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Fact Card #1: Name two ways an ostrich can protect itself.

Fact Card #2: What can hummingbirds do that most other birds can't?

Fact Card #3: Which type of bird is thought to be the smartest of all bird species?

Fact Card #4: Where do penguins live?

Fact Card #5: What is a group of geese called?

Fact Card #6: How far underwater can a common loon dive?

Fact Card #7: Which is the fastest flying species of bird?

Fact Card #8: Name some of the things an ostrich eats in the wild.

Fact Card #9: What is the most common bird in the world?



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Fact Card #10: How does an eagle's eyesight compare to a person's?

Fact Card #11: Why do farmers like to have owls around?

Fact Card #12: How far does an Arctic tern fly over its lifetime?

Fact Card #13: What does warm-blooded mean?

Fact Card #14: Name all of the bird species that have more than two feet.

Fact Card #15: Name the four colors of chicken eggs.

Fact Card #16: How far away can a kakapo's screech be heard?

Fact Card #17: What was the largest species of bird to ever live on Earth?

Fact Card #18: What is a baby owl called?

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Fact Card #1

The ostrich is the largest and heaviest species of bird living in the world today. An ostrich can't fly, but it can outrun most of its enemies. It also has powerful legs. An ostrich can injure or kill a lion by kicking it.

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Fact Card #2

Hummingbirds are the smallest birds in the world. Unlike most birds, they can hover in one place and fly backwards.



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Fact Card #3



The African gray parrot is thought to be the smartest of all birds. It is also the best talker. It can easily learn to say 900 words or more.

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Fact Card #4



Penguins can't fly, but they are great swimmers. They use their flippers for steering themselves underwater.

There are no penguins living near the North Pole. They live in South America and Antarctica.

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Fact Card #5

Groups of birds have unusual names.

A gaggle of geese, a rookery of penguins, a pod of pelicans, a murder of crows, and a brood of chickens all refer to bird groups.

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Fact Card #6

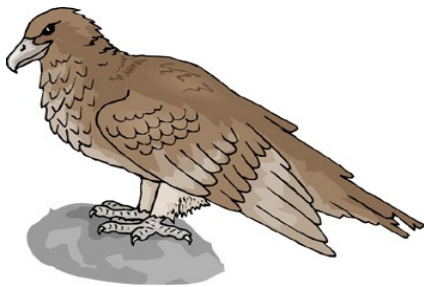
The common loon is the best diver of all the bird species. When it is hunting for fish to eat, it can dive 200 feet below the water's surface.



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Fact Card #7



The peregrine falcon is the fastest flying bird. It can zoom across the open sky at 200 miles per hour!

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Fact Card #8

In the wild, an ostrich will eat grasses, roots, seeds, and leaves. It also eats insects, lizards, and even small stones.

An ostrich at the London Zoo in England once swallowed an alarm clock, a pencil, pennies, and a 3-foot long piece of rope.

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Fact Card #9



The most common bird in the world is the chicken. There are more chickens on Earth than people.

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Fact Card #10



Bald eagles are known for their excellent eyesight. While soaring in the sky, they can see a fish swimming in the water 100 feet below.

An eagle's eyesight is four times as sharp as a person with perfect vision.

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Fact Card #11



Most farmers love having owls around. A single barn owl will eat over 1,000 mice per year.

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Fact Card #12



The Arctic tern has the longest migration of any bird. It flies all the way from from the North Pole to the South Pole each year! An average Arctic tern will travel over 1.5 million miles during its lifetime.

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Fact Card #13



Birds are warm-blooded. This means the temperature inside of their bodies is always the same.

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Fact Card #14

All bird species have two feet.
There are no four-footed birds.



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Fact Card #15



Most of the eggs eaten by people are chicken eggs. Most of the eggs you buy at the store are white or brown, but there are also green and blue chicken eggs as well.

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Fact Card #16



The kakapo, a parrot species from New Zealand, holds the record for loudest bird. It can make a screech that is heard over 4 miles away.

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Fact Card #17



The largest species of bird that ever lived on Earth was the elephant bird. It could not fly, but it could run very fast. The elephant bird was twice as large as an ostrich. It became extinct about a thousand years ago.

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Fact Card #18



A baby owl is called an owlet. A group of owls is called a parliament.

ANSWER KEY

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Fact Card #1: Name two ways an ostrich can protect itself.

It can run fast and has a powerful kicking ability.

Fact Card #2: What can hummingbirds do that most other birds can't?

It can hover in one place and fly backwards.

Fact Card #3: Which type of bird is thought to be the smartest of all bird species?

African gray parrot

Fact Card #4: Where do penguins live?

South America and Antarctica

Fact Card #5: What is a group of geese called?

gaggle

Fact Card #6: How far underwater can a common loon dive?

200 feet

Fact Card #7: Which is the fastest flying species of bird?

peregrine falcon

Fact Card #8: Name some of the things an ostrich eats in the wild.

grasses, roots, seeds, leaves, insects, lizards, and small stones

Fact Card #9: What is the most common bird in the world?

chicken



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Fact Card #10: How does an eagle's eyesight compare to a person's?

An eagle's eyesight is four times as sharp as a person's.

Fact Card #11: Why do farmers like to have owls around?

They eat mice.

Fact Card #12: How far does an Arctic tern fly over its lifetime?

1.5 million miles

Fact Card #13: What does warm-blooded mean?

Warm-blooded animals have a constant body temperature.

Fact Card #14: Name all of the bird species that have more than two feet.

None. All birds have two feet.

Fact Card #15: Name the four colors of chicken eggs.

Chicken eggs can be white, brown, green, or blue.

Fact Card #16: How far away can a kakapo's screech be heard?

4 miles away

Fact Card #17: What was the largest species of bird to ever live on Earth?

The elephant bird

Fact Card #18: What is a baby owl called?

an owlet