

BIRDS OF THE BERGEN COUNTY ZOO SCAVENGER HUNT

1. This bird is red, yellow, and blue and has a strong, curved beak to crack hard nuts and seeds. It can also mimic sounds.

2. These domestic birds are a breed that originated in Germany and can commonly be found on farms for their eggs, meat, and feathers.

3. This bird has been the national bird of the United States since 1782. Despite what its name suggests, it has a fully-feathered head.

4. This bird can be found in extremely cold temperatures! Males of this species are mostly white, while females are more speckled to aid in camouflage.

5. These giant birds have a wingspan of 10 feet and can soar for up to an hour! They live in the Andes Mountains along the western coast of South America.

6. This bird may look like an ostrich, but it is smaller and found in South America. Similar to the ostrich, this bird cannot fly!

ANSWER KEY

1. Scarlet Macaw
2. Emden Goose
3. Bald Eagle
4. Snowy Owl
5. Andean Condor
6. Greater Rhea

AVIARY BIRDS

- Scarlet Ibis
- Roseate Spoonbill
- Ringed Teal Duck
- Whistling Duck
- Night Heron
- Snowy Egret

HOW MANY BIRD SPECIES CAN YOU SPOT IN THE WETLANDS AVIARY?

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BIRD CONSERVATION

Birds are important to our food supply. Many birds eat pest insects that target crops like coffee and grapes. Some birds also help pollinate crops like banana, nutmeg, and papayas!

Protecting the places birds need to survive help protect the ecosystems that all life on Earth depends on. For example, healthy wetlands that our spoonbills, ibises, herons, and ducks depend on also provide humans with food, clean water, protection from flooding, medicinal plants, and carbon storage to combat climate change.

Birdwatching as a hobby contributes to our economy and culture. Over 60 million Americans self-identify as bird watchers. This is more than the number of people who report playing basketball, football, and baseball combined. Bird watchers invest money in travel, gear and conservation efforts, all of which contribute the economies across the world. In many parts of the globe, protecting birds is a way of protecting the community!

