

1. **This member of the order Apterygiformes lacks a keel like most other ratites. This bird lays the largest egg relative to its body size, and has the smallest eyes. Some of these birds have even been found blind in the wild because they rely mostly on their extraordinarily strong sense of smell. These birds' wings are entirely (*) vestigial and their bones are not hollow, but actually have bone marrow in them. These birds lack barbules on their feathers and have long vibrissae which may help them to sense the movement of prey underground. For 10 points, name this national bird of New Zealand that also shares its name with a fruit.**

ANSWER: **kiwi** [accept Apteryx]

2. **Alan Tudyk is the most recent to have voiced this avian character in a 2019 remake. In the musical adaptation of the film this character appears in, he is actually portrayed as a human sidekick rather than a bird. This character was originally designed to resemble a scarlet macaw, although he lacks the characteristic yellow on the wing. He is named after a (*) Shakespeare character that shares his selfishness and ability for deception. Originally voiced by Gilbert Gottfried, this parrot first appeared in Disney's fourth renaissance film. For 10 points, name this sassy parrot who is sidekick to the villain Jafar in the movie Aladdin.**

ANSWER: **Iago**

3. **One species belonging to this group feeds almost exclusively on bone and is also called a lammergeier. Many of the species in this group are endangered, some in part due to the use of the veterinary drug diclofenac. The Ruppells' (*) species belonging to this group is known as the highest flying bird species with recorded altitudes of 11,300 meters. This group belongs to the order Accipitriformes which means they are more closely related to hawks and eagles than their new world counterparts. All members of this group have completely or partially bald heads which have been shown not to keep them clean while feeding on carcasses, but actually help with thermoregulation. For 10 points, name this group of scavenging birds found in Europe, Asia, and Africa.**

ANSWER: **Old World Vultures** [prompt on vulture, do not accept or prompt on New World vultures]

4. **This species bears strong similarities to the prehistoric *Gastornis* while their closest modern relatives are the cassowaries. These animals have feet very similar to those of an ostrich with the addition of a hallux. In some cultures a(*) "fat" one of these animals was worshipped as the "bird of the gods." These birds have a strong affinity to gysahl greens and are easily distinguished by their characteristic "kweh" cry. While these birds are normally landbound and appear yellow-orange, black variants have been seen to fly and the rare gold variant has been known to run over oceans. Commonly used as beasts of burden or ridden in races, for 10 points, name these large usually flightless birds that one might find in Gaia, Spira, Ivalice, or Eorzea.**

ANSWER: **chocobo**

5. **These birds are found in New Guinea and Australia, and can be killed for feeding on fruit and vegetable crops. The regent member of this family can create a blue or green**

saliva “paint” and will use bundles of leaves as paint brushes to apply it. Many incorrectly believe that the males of this family build (*) nests, but they actually have no involvement in reproduction after copulation. The Satin species of this family is particularly drawn towards blue items such as straws and bottle caps due to their own blue coloration. For 10 points, name this family of birds known for the amazing structures they build as a part of their complex mating behaviors.

ANSWER: **bowerbirds** [accept **Ptilonorhynchidae**]

6. The largest individuals of this species were likely the size of a common raven, and this species is thought to have been an opportunistic hunter mainly feeding on small reptiles and mammals. Presence of asymmetrical wing feathers and firm vanes helped with the classification of this species, which likely had black feathers. This species has three (*) clawed fingers, a hyperextensible second toe, and a long bony tail which doesn’t quite fit in with its sharp teeth. The first skeleton of this species, also known as Urvogel, was found near Langenthalheim, Germany. The first evidence of this species was unearthed in 1861 and was a single feather. For 10 points, name this prehistoric species generally classified as the first known bird.

ANSWER: **archaeopteryx** [accept **Urvogel** before mention]

7. As of 2019, it is believed that these birds may be capable of tool use after they were observed using sticks to scratch themselves. These birds have a unique hinge mechanism in their beak which allows them to adjust for carrying multiple fish at a time. (*) Decoys were introduced to lure these birds back to islands and some were observed rubbing their beak on the decoy’s beak, which is a mating behaviour. These black and white birds generally mate for many years at a time and will reuse the same nest. These birds are still hunted and consumed regularly in Iceland where their raw hearts are eaten as a delicacy. For 10 points, name these seabirds found in the northern Atlantic or Pacific oceans that are not penguins despite all of their convergent adaptations.

ANSWER: **puffins** [accept **Fratercula**; do NOT accept or prompt on **penguins**]

8. Romeo and Juliet argue over the time because one of them believes they heard the nightingale and the other believes it to be this bird “the herald of the morn.” This bird sings “of many links without a break/in chirrup, whistle, slur and shake” as he flies into the air. (*) Thomas Hardy wrote a poem on the death of this bird inspired by it being written as a “blithe spirit” in a previous poem. A poet asks one of these birds to “teach me half the gladness/that thy brain must know,” in a poem addressed to one of these birds. For 10 points, name this bird that is still “bravely singing” although it can “scarce be heard amid the guns below” *In Flanders Fields*.

ANSWER: **lark** [accept **skylark**]

9. Fossil footprints show that this feature existed in the early Cretaceous, even though skeletal evidence of this morphology doesn’t arise until the Cenozoic. Asymmetric action of

muscles ABDIV and EBDIV causes reversion of digit IV in the development of budgerigars, which results in this toe arrangement. (*) Chameleons also have this toe arrangement, although they have five digits rather than four. Some owls have this toe arrangement, but they also have the ability to rotate their fourth digit for better grip. For 10 points, name this toe arrangement found in parrots and woodpeckers where toes two and three face forward and one and four face backwards.

ANSWER: zygodactyly

10. This bird can be found in an isolated valley, and has a shrill call that sounds like a scream. This bird is more delicious than oysters or eggs, and should be prepared by boiling it in sawdust and salting it in glue. A Nightwish song claims that every one of these birds “spooks of the past” - that song is Alpenglow. One rendering of this creature showcases it as a large vulture-like creature with red and black stripes, (*) as depicted in a 2010 film. A Bluetones song named for this bird contains the line "these demons inside are refusing to die." You are advised to "beware" this bird and "shun the frumious bandersnatch." For 10 points, name this fantastical bird created by Lewis Carroll.

ANSWER: Jubjub bird

11. A member of this family, sometimes called the qua-qua, is known for its use of sticks to forage for grubs. One group from this family has a complicated social ranking system where males are higher than females, and males are more likely to rise up in rank if they fail to mate successfully. (*) One species from this family has successfully passed the mirror test - that is the Eurasian magpie. It is a myth that you must ‘free’ these bird’s tongues in order to allow them to speak. This family of birds contains the largest members of the order passeriformes. For 10 points, name this bird family containing ravens, crows, and jays.

ANSWER: corvids [accept crow before grubs, prompt on it after; accept corvidae]

12. According to zoologist Mike Dickison, this eight foot tall specimen could have evolved from the whooping crane. In a 2012 presidential debate, Mitt Romney admitted to loving this character, but still said he wanted to stop using taxpayer money to run the network he appears on. (*) This bird told Peter Marshall on *Hollywood Squares* that he’s a lark, but in a *Mister Roger’s Neighborhood* episode he calls himself a golden condor. Carroll Spinney played this character for almost 50 years before he retired in 2018. His human coworkers believed this character’s best friend to be imaginary until 1985 - that best friend is Mr. Suffleupagus. For 10 points, name this large, yellow, *Sesame Street* character.

ANSWER: Big Bird

13. Part of the mating ritual for this species involves them flying high into the air, then locking talons as they spiral quickly towards the ground. In media the screech of a red-tailed hawk is used to represent the sound of this bird. This species does not attain its full adult plumage until about five years old which can result in many misidentifying it as the

largest raptor species in (*) North America. This bird builds the largest nest of any raptor species with some weighing up to two tons. These birds have become a problem in Seattle recently for dropping trash onto people's homes. For 10 points name this American raptor with scientific name *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*.

ANSWER: **bald eagle**

14. One member of this family of birds is reminiscent of the mythical Simurgh, while another shares similarities with the Vermillion bird Suzaku. In French, these birds are named after the Egyptian god Ra and the Norse gods Odin and Thor. These birds, also known as the winged mirages or titans, place immense (*) pressure on their opponents, increasing PP use. None of these birds can be captured in Hoenn, and in Kalos only one can be found depending on your choice of starter pokemon. For 10 points, name this trio of pokemon whose master is Lugia.

ANSWER: **legendary birds** [also accept Articuno, Moltres, and Zapdos]

15. In penguins, this process is called “catastrophic” due to the degree and speed at which it happens. In some birds, especially larger flighted birds, this process may take more than a year to complete. Many songbirds undergo a mini migration before the winter in order to shelter in a safe place for this process to occur. (*) In some birds this process is pre-nuptial with the fittest birds beginning the earliest. This process generally happens symmetrically, which is helpful for pet bird owners if they have concerns about their birds self-mutilating. For 10 points, name this process that is the seasonal replacement of a bird's feathers.

ANSWER: **molting** [prompt on shedding]

16. A piece named after one of these birds begins in the cello with a descending C, B, E melody accompanied by broken chords on the pianos. The bassoons showcase the roasting of this bird in the aria “Olim lacus colueram.” A chord signaled by four horns (*) in a Sibelius piece was inspired by a flock of these birds passing overhead. One of these birds flies around the realm of the dead in a piece originally composed for *The Building of a Boat*. For 10 points, name this bird that titles the thirteenth section of *Carnival of the Animals* and a Tchaicovsky ballet.

ANSWER: **swan** [accept **le cygne**]

17. This bird is the only member of the genus *Opisthocomus*, and the only extant member belonging to Opisthocomidae. This bird had been thought to be closely related to tinamous or gamebirds, although genome analysis shows their closest relatives to be cranes and plovers. Chicks of this species are born with two claws on each wing to assist in their ability to maneuver around tree branches. (*) These birds are unique in their use of fermentation for digestion of food which is possible due to their enlarged crop which functions similarly to the

rumen of a cow. This fermentation results in these birds smelling much like manure which gives them their nickname - the skunk bird. For 10 points, name this South American bird species that survives almost exclusively on leaves.

ANSWER: hoatzin [accept skunk bird before mention, accept reptile bird, stinkbird, or Canje pheasant]

18. **This bird is a Libra that wears a green bowtie, and his favorite song is Two Days Ago. He grew up in the city and had to move to continue working towards his dream of becoming an archaeologist. Unfortunately he has not yet received his doctorate because there were no spots for him at (*) Farway Museum. In *Super Smash Bros. Brawl* he can be found as a trophy with his sister Celeste who loves stargazing and runs an observatory. This character won't hesitate to share his distaste for bugs and any other information he blabbers out. This character is nocturnal so must be woken up if you'd like to speak to him during the day. For 10 points, name this owl, the museum curator featured in the *Animal Crossing* series of games.**

ANSWER: Blathers

19. **These birds are second only to the budgerigar when it comes to their popularity as household pets. Common color mutations for this species include cinnamon, pied, and pearl. It's not hard to see that these birds are related to cockatoos when they lift up the crest on the top of their head. (*)** The artist potatopato creates comics almost exclusively about these birds. Another popular comic featuring these birds, which are not chickens, is chicken thoughts. These birds are excellent whistlers and many videos feature them singing phone ringtones, or even things like the Addams family or darth vader theme. For 10 points, name this parrot species most easily recognized for the bright orange patches on their cheeks.

ANSWER: cockatiel [I guess accept weiro bird, or quarrion]

20. *description acceptable* **The American Bird Conservancy tests products to help reduce these events by flying birds through a tunnel with two lanes and documenting the lane they choose. When these events occur due to territoriality, they are rarely fatal. (*)** These events are most likely to occur during migrations. These events generally occur at night time due to the presence of light. Ultraviolet coatings, fritting, and even decals can all be used to deter these events. This event is second only to cats in bird mortality. For 10 points, name this event that generally occurs on the sides of buildings.

ANSWER: window strikes [accept anything indicating a bird hitting a window or glass, although do NOT accept answers that mention mirrors]

North American Identification Lightning Round!!!

MODS, let players know how this part of the packet will work by reading them the following: Each question is a field identification clue about the bird, followed by the alpha code for that bird. The alpha code is the first two letters of the first word of the bird's name, followed by the first two letters of the second word. For example; the alpha code for the bald eagle is BAEA. 10 points for questions answered before the alpha code, 5 points for after.

1. Small bird known for their bouncy flights and po-ta-to chip call. AMGO

ANSWER: **American goldfinch**

2. Black and white woodpecker with spotting on outer, white tail feathers. DOWO

ANSWER: **downy woodpecker**

3. This bird with a conk-la-ree call WILL fight you if you get too close to its nest. REBA

ANSWER: **red-winged blackbird**

4. You won't hear this bird flying but you might hear it's ghostly screech or find it in your attic.

BAOW

ANSWER: **barn owl**

5. This member of the thrush family is generally the first to return from winter and is easily identified by its orange breast. AMRO

ANSWER: **American robin**

6. This stunning waterfowl has quite the hairdo and even the females have distinctive white around the eyes. WODU

ANSWER: **wood duck**

7. These birds you can find just about everywhere, usually in large dark flocks, and are only here because of Shakespeare. EUST

ANSWER: **European starling**

8. Don't be confused by it's early morning call, this plump breasted bird is no owl. MODO

ANSWER: **morning dove**

9. It's almost impossible to misidentify this large water bird that is completely white. GREG

ANSWER: **great egret**

10. This intelligent corvid likes to hang in groups, so don't be surprised if you witness a murder.

AMCR

ANSWER: **American crow**