




SECTION 1: GENERATE AN ARGUMENT

CLASSIFYING BIRDS IN THE UNITED STATES 1

Table 1.1. Information About the 10 Birds




Bird	Appearance	Characteristics
A		<p>Habitat: Deciduous woodlands and shade trees</p> <p>Range: Washington, Oregon, California, Indiana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Winters in tropics</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Length: 18–22 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: Clear and flutelike whistle; single or double notes in short, distinct phrases with much individual variation; also a rapid chatter</p> <p>Clutch Size: Four to six grayish eggs</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Creates a well-woven pendant bag nest that is made of plant fibers, bark, and string and is suspended from the tip of a branch</p>
B		<p>Habitat: Deciduous woodlands and shade trees</p> <p>Range: Washington, Oregon, California, Indiana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Winters in tropics</p> <p>Gender: Female</p> <p>Length: 16–20 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: None</p> <p>Clutch Size: Four to six grayish eggs</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Lays eggs in a well-woven pendant bag of plant fibers, bark, and string and is suspended from the tip of a branch</p>
C		<p>Habitat: Deciduous woodlands and shade trees</p> <p>Range: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and Virginia; Winters in Florida and the southern Atlantic coast</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Length: 18–22 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: Clear and flutelike whistled single or double notes in short, distinct phrases with much individual variation</p> <p>Clutch Size: Four to six grayish eggs</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Creates a well-woven pendant bag nest that is made of plant fibers, bark, and string and is suspended from the tip of a branch</p>

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D		<p>Habitat: Tree plantations, city parks, and suburban areas with palm or eucalyptus trees and shrubbery</p> <p>Range: California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Length: 18–20 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: Series of whistles, chatters, and warbles</p> <p>Clutch Size: Three to five white eggs with dark brown and purple splotches</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or I</p> <p>Behavior: Makes a basket nest of plant fibers with the entrance at the top, hanging from palm fronds or the branches of eucalyptus trees</p>
E		<p>Habitat: Forest and scattered groves of trees that are near water</p> <p>Range: Texas</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Length: 23–25 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: Series of loud whistles and harsh chatters</p> <p>Clutch Size: Two to four white eggs with purple streaks</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Creates a cylindrical or bag-shaped nest up 60 cm long, woven of tough fibers and suspended from a branch</p>
F		<p>Habitat: Deciduous woodlands and shade trees</p> <p>Range: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and Virginia; Winters in Florida and the southern Atlantic coast.</p> <p>Gender: Female</p> <p>Length: 17–21 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: None</p> <p>Clutch Size: Four to six grayish eggs</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Lays eggs in a well-woven pendant bag nest that is made of plant fibers, bark, and string and is suspended from the tip of a branch</p>

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G		<p>Habitat: Woodlands in semidesert areas, yucca trees or palms in deserts, and sycamores or cottonwoods in canyons</p> <p>Range: California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Length: 19–21 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: A series of rising and falling flutelike notes</p> <p>Clutch Size: Three to five bluish white eggs</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Builds a grassy hanging pouch nest in dry yucca fronds, pines, or live oaks</p>
H		<p>Habitat: Open country with scattered trees, orchards, or gardens</p> <p>Range: Florida</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Length: 20 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: Loud, varied, and continuous</p> <p>Clutch Size: Four whitish eggs with black streaks</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Builds a woven basket nest of palm fibers or other vegetable matter</p>
I		<p>Habitat: Woodlands in semidesert areas, yucca trees or palms in deserts, and sycamores or cottonwoods in canyons</p> <p>Range: California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas</p> <p>Gender: Female</p> <p>Length: 18–20 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: None</p> <p>Clutch Size: Three to five bluish white eggs</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with Birds A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Lays eggs in a grassy hanging pouch nest in dry yucca fronds, pines, or live oaks</p>

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J		<p>Habitat: Tree plantations, city parks, and suburban areas with palm or eucalyptus trees and shrubbery</p> <p>Range: California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas</p> <p>Gender: Female</p> <p>Length: 18–20 cm</p> <p>Diet: Insectivorous but will eat fruit when available</p> <p>Song: None</p> <p>Clutch Size: Three to five white eggs with dark brown and purple splotches</p> <p>Interactions: Will not mate with A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, or J</p> <p>Behavior: Lays eggs in a basket nest of plant fibers with the entrance at the top, hanging from palm fronds or eucalyptus tree branches</p>

Figure 1.12. A Map of the United States of America

