

Puzzling Plumage

Feathers allow birds to fly and help protect and insulate them from cold and wet conditions. Feathers are typically one of the first things used to help identify and distinguish bird species apart. Look at the zoomed-in images of feathers below. Can you use the image and clues to solve which bird species is featured?

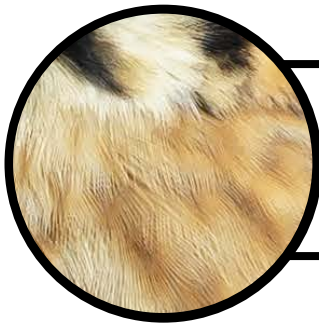
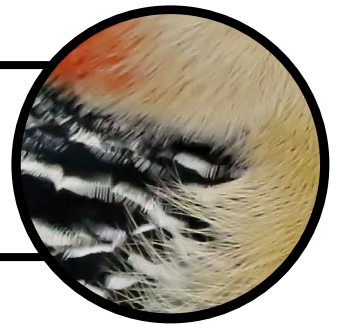


- Male is bright orange
- Named after an east-coast U.S. city

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- Name seems deceptive
- Hard headed

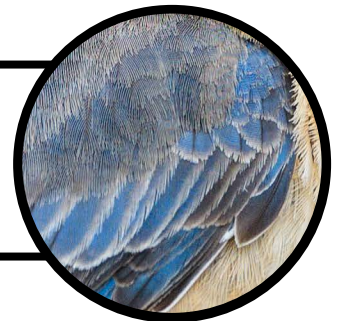


- Male has distinct black eye marks
- A small raptor

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- Female is not as vibrant blue as male
- Rusty-coloured breast

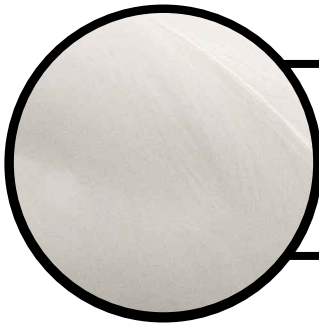
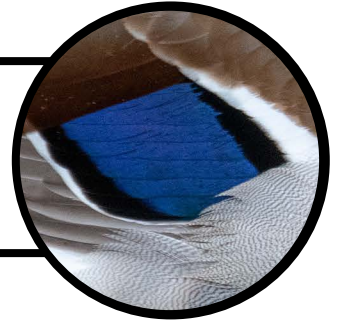


- Distinct spots
- Often on ground hunting ants

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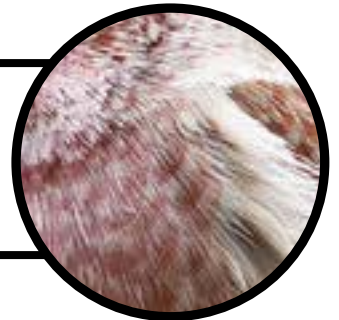
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- Male has distinctive purpley-blue patch
- Water loving



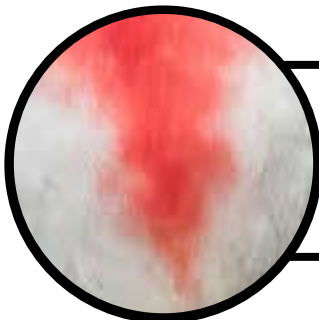
- Tall, heron-like
- Smooth white feathers repel water

- Named for its violet-toned feathers
- Strong nut-cracking beak



- Male has a dark mask
- Named for its red-coloured wing tips

- Male is mostly black
- Often found sitting on cattails



- Large white beak
- Male has a red chest

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Baltimore Oriole



Red-bellied Woodpecker



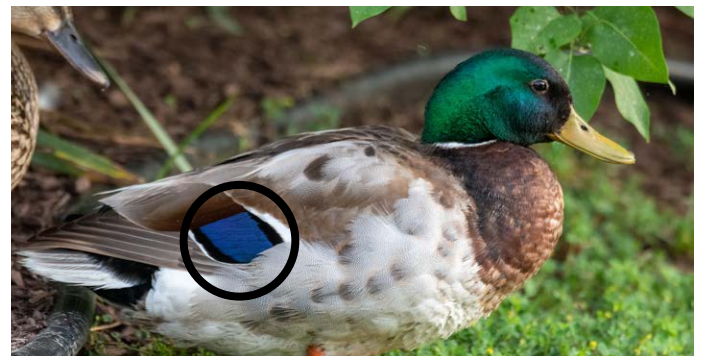
American Kestrel



Eastern Bluebird



Northern Flicker



Mallard Duck



Great Egret



Purple Finch

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Cedar Waxwing



Red-winged Blackbird



Rose-breasted Grosbeak