

Arctic Area

FOLD ACROSS

Willow Ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*)

CLUES:

- 5) My nest is on the ground but not easy to find because I am so well camouflaged.
- 4) In winter, my favourite food is willow buds and twigs.
- 3) I have feathered toes that act like snowshoes in winter.
- 2) In winter, I am nomadic and wander from one patch of food to another.
- 1) I live in treeless Arctic areas.

DID YOU KNOW THAT Ptarmigan turn mainly white in winter?



Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*)

CLUES:

- 5) My mossy nest is set in crevices in rocks or cliffs, or under rock piles.
- 4) My small, cone-shaped bill pecks seeds above the snow.
- 3) I usually run instead of hopping.
- 2) In winter, I am often seen wheeling and flying in flocks.
- 1) I migrate to Southern Canada for the winter.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I am also called snow bird?



Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*)

CLUES:

- 5) I nest on the ground close to water.
- 4) My bill is tilted slightly upwards.
- 3) I have webbed feet for swimming.
- 2) I range farther north than other loon species.
- 1) In winter, I hang out along seacoasts. In summer, I like small ponds and lakes.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I am the only loon species that take off directly from land rather than by running along the surface of water?

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

CLUES:

- 5) Steep cliffs and tall evergreens are my favourite nesting spots.
- 4) My bill is like a crow's, but even bigger.
- 3) I forage for food anywhere from forest lakeshores to garbage dumps.
- 2) You find me just about everywhere in Canada, except the Prairies.
- 1) I enjoy wild, mountainous country and sea-coasts best.

DID YOU KNOW THAT, during courtship, the male raven will do aerial tumbling and acrobatics to impress the female?



Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*)

CLUES:

- 5) I nest on the ground on rolling tundra.
- 4) The males of my species are pure white.
- 3) My feet are feathered to the tips of my toes.
- 2) I'm considered an Arctic resident but I visit Southern Canada too.
- 1) The rolling, open Arctic is my favourite habitat.

DID YOU KNOW THAT, unlike many owls, I am active during the day?



Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

CLUES:

- 5) I nest in colonies on sand.
- 4) My bill is red.
- 3) I like to eat fish.
- 2) I am best known for my long-distance migrations.
- 1) I like open, uncluttered habitat.

DID YOU KNOW THAT (because I don't travel in a straight line) my round-trip migration is farther than the distance around the earth?

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