

Boreal Forest Region

FOLD ACROSS

Gray Jay (*Perisoreus canadensis*)

CLUES:

- 5) I nest in early spring—sometimes when snow is still around.
- 4) I'll eat insects, ants' eggs, birds' eggs, berries, and garbage scraps.
- 3) I store leftover food wherever I can in the forest.
- 2) I will come quite close to humans and seem almost tame.
- 1) I love evergreen forests best of all.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I am also called whiskey jack, grease bird, and Canada jay?



Black-capped Chickadee

(*Poecile atricapillus*)

CLUES:

- 5) I generally nest in cavities or bird houses.
- 4) I love to eat insects and their eggs, seeds and berries.
- 3) My song sounds like my name.
- 2) I stay around all winter, no matter how cold it is.
- 1) You'll see me in woodlands and thickets, and at feeders in the country or suburbs.

DID YOU KNOW THAT on very cold nights I will huddle in a hollow tree with other birds like me?



White-throated Sparrow

(*Zonotrichia albicollis*)

CLUES:

- 5) I nest on or near the ground beneath a shrub or in a clump of grass.
- 4) Insects, weed seeds, and small berries are my favourite foods.
- 3) My distinctive call seems to say "Oh Sweet Canada, Canada, Canada."
- 2) I migrate at night to southern parts of eastern North America.
- 1) I like edges or openings of woodlands.

DID YOU KNOW THAT my species sometimes has black-and-white stripes on its head, and sometimes brown-and-tan stripes?

Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*)

CLUES:

- 5) Cavity holes in trees are where I nest.
- 4) My beak is strong and sharp for drilling holes.
- 3) My feet are designed for climbing trees.
- 2) You can find me many places in Canada.
- 1) I don't bother to migrate.

DID YOU KNOW THAT it takes both the male and female a week or two to excavate their nest hole in a tree?



Cedar Waxwing (*Bombicilla cedrorum*)

CLUES:

- 5) Sometimes, I use spider webs to make my nest.
- 4) My bill is short, sharp, and strong for eating berries.
- 3) I have a handsome crest on my head.
- 2) I am found only in North America.
- 1) I often hunt for food in flocks.

DID YOU KNOW THAT sometimes I migrate and sometimes I don't?



Common Loon (*Gavia immer*)

CLUES:

- 5) I lay two eggs on the ground near the water's edge, preferably on an island.
- 4) I have a dagger-like beak that is good for underwater fishing.
- 3) Once you hear my haunting call, you'll never forget it.
- 2) I like secluded lakes best.
- 1) I have a distinctive red eye.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I can dive to depths of over 27 metres?

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