

Mixedwood Plains Ecozone (includes the Carolinian Zone)

Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*)

CLUES:

- 5) My bulky nest is often built on rocky ledges or under bridges, culverts, or building overhangs.
- 4) My bill is all black.
- 3) I bob my tail up and down a lot.
- 2) My winters are spent in the eastern United States and Mexico.
- 1) You can often spot me near rural buildings.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I am named after my song "fee bee"?



FOLD UP

Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax vireescens*)

CLUES:

- 5) My untidy nest hangs like a hammock from the fork of a branch.
- 4) My diet is almost exclusively insects and occasionally fruit.
- 3) I have a light eye-ring around my eyes.
- 2) In Canada I am so rare that I am considered in danger of disappearing by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).
- 1) A lot of my favourite forest and woodlot habitat has been cut down.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I am at the extreme northern tip of my range in southern Ontario?



Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*)

CLUES:

- 5) It takes nearly five weeks for my eggs to hatch.
- 4) I have a sharp, strong beak good for tearing apart prey.
- 3) I am listed in the "special concern" category by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).
- 2) I have a "flap-flap-glide" pattern of flight.
- 1) I hunt from a perch while scanning the ground for prey.

DID YOU KNOW THAT both the male and female red-shouldered hawk build their nest together?

Great Crested Flycatcher

(*Myiarchus crinitus*)

CLUES:

- 5) I nest in old woodpecker holes, hollow logs, open pipes, and bird houses.
- 4) My bulky nest can contain leaves, pine needles, hair, feathers, moss, twine, and even snake skins.
- 3) I have a bushy crest on my head.
- 2) Come winter, I head for Florida, Mexico, Central America, and Colombia.
- 1) I usually hunt for food high in the tree tops.

DID YOU KNOW THAT both the male and female of this species look after their young?



FOLD UP

Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)

CLUES:

- 5) I lay three to five glossy, deep greenish-blue eggs.
- 4) I flick my long black tail a lot.
- 3) My call sometimes sounds like a cat mewing.
- 2) I like bushes, shrubs, and thickets in gardens or the countryside.
- 1) I winter in the southeastern United States, Mexico, Panama, and Caribbean islands.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I belong to the family of mockingbirds and thrashers?



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

(*Archilochus colubris*)

CLUES:

- 5) I only lay two eggs in a tiny, cup-shaped nest made of plant down, lichen, and spider silk.
- 4) My beak is long and pointed—good for sipping nectar.
- 3) I make a humming sound when I fly.
- 2) I am the most widely distributed hummingbird species in Canada.
- 1) As long as there are lots of flowers, I'm happy just about anywhere.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I can hover in mid-air and I can fly backwards for short distances?

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