

BEGINNING BIRDWATCHER'S BOOK

WITH
48 STICKERS

Sy Barlowe



Belted Kingfisher
Ceryle alcyon

Size: 11 to 14 inches

Nest: A burrow excavated in bank of river, lake, stream or occasionally in cavity of tree.

Eggs: 5 to 8 pure white and very glossy.

Food: Chiefly small fishes captured by hovering over water or diving from waterside perch. Will also take mice, frogs, crayfish and water insects.

Range: Found throughout the United States at streams, lakes and coasts.

My Observations

Date seen: May 30

Time of day: 10:45 am

Locality: Jamaica Bay, Queens, New York

Remarks: Was walking along a footpath near the water

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INTRODUCTION

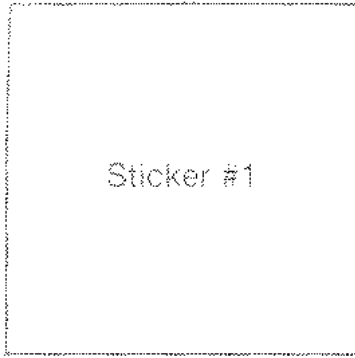
Beginning *Birdwatcher's Book* is an ideal introduction to a fascinating hobby enjoyed by millions of people the world over. It provides information on and illustrations of 48 common birds and enables you to record when and where you first saw them. Whether acting as scavengers, or controlling insect populations, birds are one of nature's most wonderful creations. No one can deny their useful place in the ecosystem—and just look at them! From the flickering, iridescent hummingbird to the soaring, majestic eagle, birds are a marvel to behold!

A flash of yellow and black, and there perched on a branch is a five-inch bird you haven't seen before. Examining the sheet of 48 colored stickers, you are able to identify it as an American goldfinch. By pasting the proper sticker of your newly discovered bird in its numbered space on each page and adding the appropriate information, you'll make this book a permanent record of your sightings, combining the properties of a personal LIFE LIST with a BIRD GUIDE.

Each bird has a scientific name that distinguishes it from every other bird. This classification system consists of two Latin words that indicate *genus* and *species*. The first word, which is capitalized, is the generic name shared by a group of birds that have common features. The second word, which is not capitalized, is a very specific name that is unique to only one class of bird. Indexes of both common and scientific names can be found at the end of this book.

Birdwatching is a wonderful activity that can become a lifelong interest. The thrill of identifying a bird you haven't seen before is a rare pleasure.

Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis



Sticker #1

Size: 18 to 25 inches

Nest: Bulky, well made, of sticks and twigs lined with soft bark high in tall tree. Material added to from year to year.

Eggs: 1 to 4, usually 2, dull white, marked with brown or purple blotching and speckling.

Food: Valuable control of mice, also rabbits, snakes and insects. Will prey on poultry when other food is unavailable.

Range: Found throughout all of the United States.

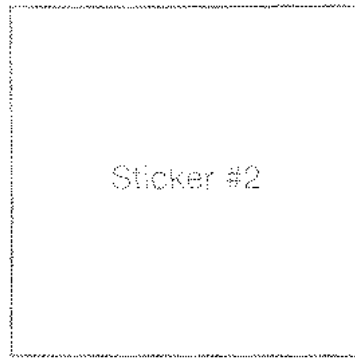
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Sticker #2

Bald Eagle
Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Size: 30 to 36 inches

Nest: Massive pile of branches and sticks lined with leafy twigs, high in tall tree or cliff ledge.

Eggs: 1 to 3 (rare), usually 2, unmarked white, no glossy.

Food: Primarily fish and waterfowl. Will also feed carrion and rob other birds, particularly ospreys, their prey.

Range: Sporadic, usually near water, throughout United States.

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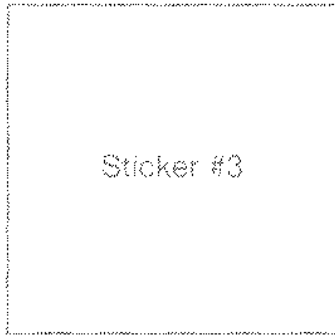
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Remarks:

Osprey
Pandion haliaetus



Sticker #3

Size: 21 to 24 inches

Nest: High on living or dead trees, utility poles, and chimneys, usually near water. Made of large sticks and debris, used year after year and added to.

Eggs: 2 to 4 slightly glossy, yellowish, heavily blotched or spotted with chocolate brown.

Food: Almost exclusively fish, but will prey on frogs, snakes and some water birds.

Range: Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Inland Nevada, New Mexico, southern Arizona and Texas.

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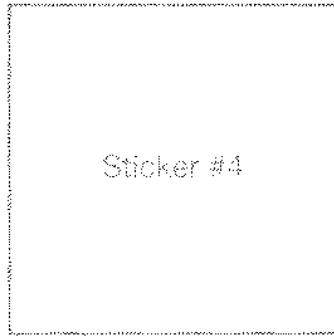
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Sticker #4



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura

Size: 26 to 32 inches

Nest: Does not build nest, lays eggs on ground in caves, hollow log, or stump.

Eggs: Usually 2 creamy white, marked with brown splotches and spots.

Food: Scavenger, feeding almost exclusively on carrion that it locates from great height with extraordinary sharp vision.

Range: Almost entire United States with exception of northern New England.

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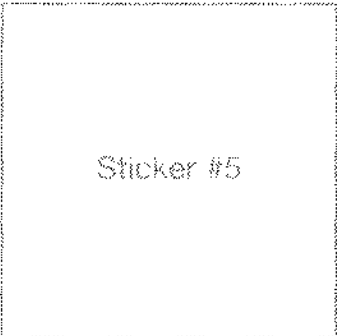
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Remarks:

American Kestrel
Falco sparverius



Sticker #5

Size: 9 to 12 inches

Nest: In hollow of tree, old woodpecker hole or in eaves of building. Doesn't add material to selected site.

Eggs: 3 to 7 creamy or pale pink, smooth, dotted and spotted with brown.

Food: Large variety that includes mice, small birds, snakes, frogs and many kinds of insects.

Range: Throughout all of the United States.

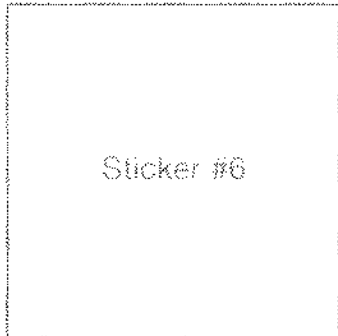
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Sticker #6

Peregrine Falco
Falco peregrinus

Size: 15 to 20 inches

Nest: Does not build nest, scrapes depression on ledge of high cliff or on top of hollow stump. Occasionally on ledges of tall city buildings.

Eggs: 3 to 5, usually 4, creamy white to buff, heavily spotted and blotched with dark reddish-brown.

Food: Favors domestic pigeons, but takes a wide variety of medium-sized birds. Will also feed on many insects and small mammals. Astounding speed when diving on prey.

Range: Both coasts of the United States, ranging inland to mountain areas.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Barn Owl
Tyto alba



Sticker #7

Size: 14 to 20 inches

Nest: Does not build nest, eggs laid in barns, abandoned buildings, cavities in trees, lined with owl pellets.

Eggs: Usually 5 to 7, sometimes 3 to 11 smooth, white and unmarked.

Food: Primarily rodents, but will occasionally take small birds. Feeds at night.

Range: Throughout all of the United States except parts of some northern central states.

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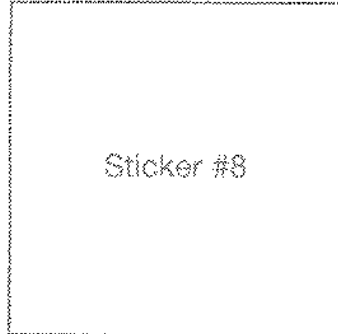
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Sticker #8



Snowy Owl
Nyctea scandiaca

Size: 20 to 27 inches

Nest: On arctic tundra, a scraped depression lined with moss and feathers on a hillock or other raised site. Occasionally on large boulders.

Eggs: 5 to 7, sometimes less and occasionally up to 13. Slightly glossy, creamy white.

Food: Mainly lemmings, but will take a variety of sea birds and even fish. Is active during the day.

Range: A bird of the arctic tundra, that in winter visits northern United States, and rarely, as far south as Tennessee.

My Observations

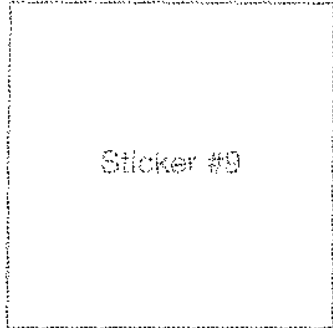
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Remarks:

Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura



Sticker #9

Size: 11 to 13 inches

Nest: Prefers evergreens, platform made of twigs with almost no lining of grasses or weeds. Will sometimes build on top of abandoned nest of other birds such as robins, cardinals and grackles.

Eggs: Usually 2 pure white, unmarked, slightly glossy.

Food: Ground-loving, they feed almost entirely on seeds of weeds and grains, also snails and other invertebrates.

Range: All of the United States, common in parks and suburbs.

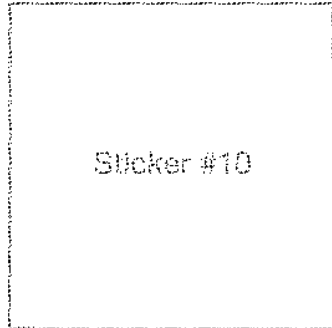
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Sticker #10

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Coccyzus americanus

Size: 11 to 13 inches

Nest: Poorly constructed platform of twigs, dry leaves and rootlets, with minimal depression to hold eggs. In bush or tree, loosely lined with moss, pine needles and grass.

Eggs: 3 to 4, sometimes 1 to 5, smooth, unmarked pale bluish-greenish.

Food: Favors hairy caterpillars that are usually avoided by most other birds. Also a large variety of other insects, small frogs and some fruit.

Range: Eastern United States, from Canada to Mexico and into the southwest.

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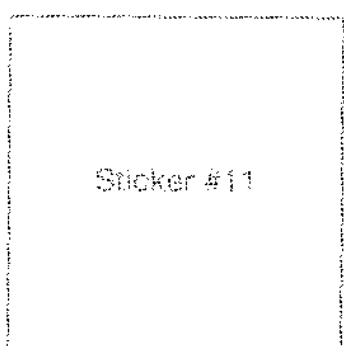
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Remarks:

**Common
Nighthawk**
Chordeiles minor



Size: To 10 inches

Nest: Does not build nest, eggs laid on bare ground, open spaces in fields and on graveled roofs in towns and cities.

Eggs: Usually 2, smooth, creamy, heavily marked with dark brown and gray.

Food: Entirely insects. Large variety including mosquitoes, moths, beetles and flying ants caught on the wing at all times of day.

Range: All of the United States from Canada to Mexico.

My Observations

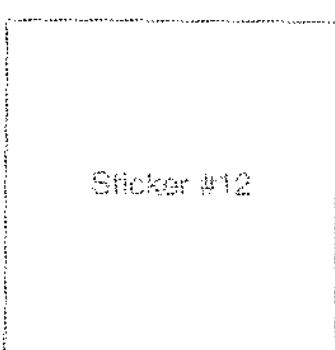
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Sticker #12



**Ruby-throated
Hummingbird**
Archilochus colubris

Size: 3¾ to 4 inches

Nest: A tiny cup made of plant down and fibers covered on outside with lichens. Attached to small branch or twig with spider's silk.

Eggs: Usually 2 large pea-sized, smooth and pure white.

Food: Nectar from primarily deep-throated red plants and the tiny creatures found therein. Will battle with bees for right to feed on particular flower.

Range: All states east of Great Plains and from Canada to Mexico.

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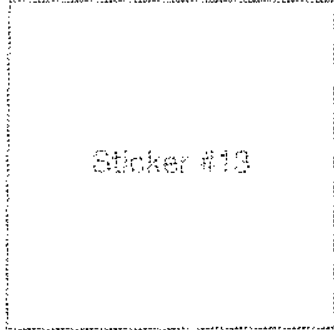
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Belted Kingfisher
Ceryle alcyon



Sticker #13

Size: 11 to 14 inches

Nest: A burrow excavated in bank of river, lake, stream or occasionally in cavity of tree.

Eggs: 5 to 8 pure white and very glossy.

Food: Chiefly small fishes captured by hovering over water or diving from waterside perch. Will also take mice, frogs, crayfish and water insects.

Range: Found throughout the United States at streams, lakes and coasts.

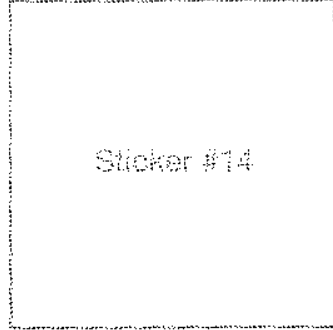
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Remarks:



Sticker #14

Red-headed Woodpecker
Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Size: 8½ to 9½ inches

Nest: Cavity bored in telephone pole, dead tree or fence post. No material added.

Eggs: 4 to 8, usually 5, white, slightly glossy and unmarked.

Food: Varied; flying insects, grasshoppers, ants, grubs in dead wood. Also will prey on young and eggs of other birds. Favors acorns and nuts, stores them in holes and crevices.

Range: Canada to Florida and west to Rocky Mountains.

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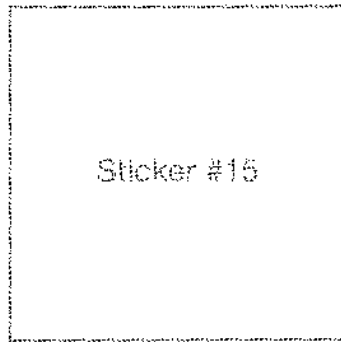
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Remarks:

Common Flicker
Colaptes auratus



Sticker #15

Size: 12 inches

Nest: A hole inside of live or dead tree, utility pole, stump or fence post.

Eggs: 3 to 14, usually 6, smooth, glossy and pure white.

Food: Primarily insects, especially ants as seen on lawns and gardens. Will also feed on wild fruit and weed seeds.

Range: Alaska, Canada and throughout the United States.

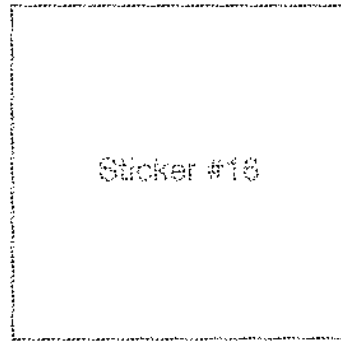
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Remarks:



Sticker #16

Downy Woodpecker
Picoides pubescens

Size: 6 to 7 inches

Nest: A cavity in live or dead tree, rotted stump or fence post.

Eggs: 3 to 6, usually 4 or 5, white, smooth and glossy.

Food: Digs insect eggs and cocoons from under bark, also a variety of insects, caterpillars and seeds and berries.

Range: Alaska, Canada and most of the United States.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Eastern Kingbird
Tyrannus tyrannus



Sticker #17

Size: 8½ inches

Nest: Large, bulky, deep cup of twigs, weed stalks and grass, lined with fine grass, rootlets and plant down.

Eggs: 3 or 4 creamy white, spotted with purplish-brown. Smooth and somewhat glossy.

Food: Primarily flying insects, but will take beetles, crickets and grasshoppers.

Range: Southern Canada to Gulf of Mexico and Florida except for extreme southwestern Pacific coast.

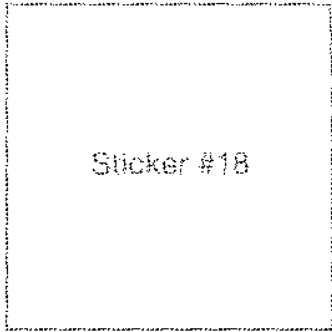
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Remarks:



Sticker #18

Horned Lark
Eremophila alpestris

Size: 7 to 8 inches

Nest: On ground, a shallow cup of dried grasses and plant stems, lined with plant down, hair and feathers.

Eggs: 3 to 5, usually 4, smooth, pale greenish-gray, heavily speckled with brown.

Food: Mostly weed seeds, some waste grain and insects such as grasshoppers, ants and caterpillars.

Range: Alaska, parts of Canada, and throughout the United States.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Purple Martin
Progne subis

Sticker #19

Size: 7 to 8½ inches

Nest: In wild, abandoned woodpecker holes, crevices in rocks and cliff holes. Uses grasses, twigs and found objects such as string, paper and bark lining it with fine grass and fresh leaves. Presently uses man-made houses and gourds.

Eggs: 3 to 8, usually 4 or 5, pure white and smooth.

Food: Almost exclusively insects, capturing elusive dragonflies and other swift fliers on the wing.

Range: Parts of Canada, most of the United States, rarely visiting Florida or the Gulf states.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Sticker #20

Barn Swallow
Hirundo rustica

Size: 6 to 7¼ inches

Nest: Mud, mixed with grasses and lined with feathers and soft plant material, plastered against rafter in barns, under bridges, and other farm structures.

Eggs: 4 to 5, smooth, whitish, spotted and dotted with brown.

Food: Almost entirely insects, many captured close to surface of water.

Range: Alaska, southern Canada, most of the United States except southeastern coastal region.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Chimney Swift
Chaetura pelagica

Sticker #21

Size: 5½ inches

Nest: Half cup made of twigs attached by saliva to side walls of chimneys, hollow trees, open shafts and barns.

Eggs: 3 to 6, usually 4 or 5, pure white and somewhat glossy.

Food: Entirely flying insects, caught on the wing.

Range: Southern Canada, eastern United States with exception of southern half of Florida.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Sticker #22

American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos

Size: 17 to 21 inches

Nest: Large cup of sticks, twigs and bark strips, lined with finer plant material.

Eggs: 4 to 6 greenish-blue, marked with brown splotches and spots.

Food: A great variety of harmful insects, carrion and, unfortunately, some farm crops.

Range: Canada, south through the United States from Florida to the Gulf coast, west to California excluding southern Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata



Sticker #23

Size: 10 to 12 inches

Nest: In fork of tree, in dense woods of twigs, bark strips and grasses lined with fine rootlets.

Eggs: 3 to 6, usually 4 to 5, whitish to pale olive or bluish-green, marked with brown spots and dots.

Food: Large variety, depending on season including acorns, other nuts, insects, spiders, small reptiles and sometimes young birds and eggs.

Range: Southern Canada, eastern United States to Florida and Gulf coast west to Colorado.

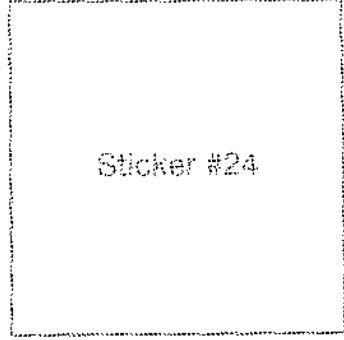
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Sticker #24

Black-capped Chickadee
Parus atricapillus

Size: 4½ to 5½ inches

Nest: Cavity in decayed tree or stump lined with plant down, moss, cottony fibers and feathers.

Eggs: Usually 6 to 8, smooth, white, spotted and speckled with reddish-brown.

Food: Mostly insects, spiders, flies and ants. Common at bird feeders, prefers sunflower seeds and suet.

Range: Alaska, south through southern Canada and northern two-thirds of the United States.

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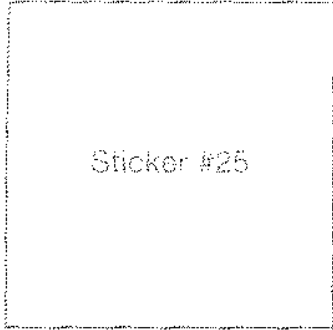
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Remarks:

Red-breasted Titmouse
Parus bicolor



Sticker #25

Size: 6 inches

Nest: Cavity in tree or abandoned woodpecker hole, lined with leaves, moss and grass. Includes string, hair, wool and similar fibers.

Eggs: 5 to 8, smooth, white or creamy, finely speckled and spotted with reddish-purple.

Food: Mostly caterpillars, wasps, ants and spiders. Also acorns, other nuts and various seeds.

Range: Eastern half of the United States excluding southern half of Florida.

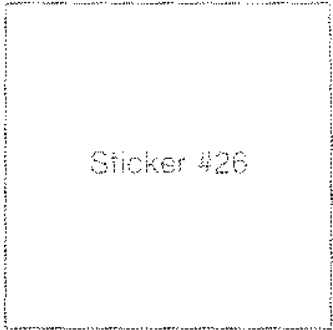
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Remarks:



Sticker #26

White-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta carolinensis

Size: 5 to 6 inches

Nest: Cavity in tree, sometimes an abandoned woodpecker hole lined with fine bark strips, rootlets, grass, fur and feathers.

Eggs: 5 to 10 white, slightly glossy and heavily marked with reddish-brown.

Food: Insects, insect eggs and hibernating adults from crevices of tree bark. Also acorns, other nuts and fruit.

Range: Almost all of the United States, except a swath following the Rocky Mountains from north to south.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

House Wren
Troglodytes aedon



Sticker #27

Size: 5 inches

Nest: In natural knotholes and woodpecker holes in trees and in a wondrous variety of man-made objects, such as mailboxes, old shoes, tin cans and hats. Made of twigs, leaves and plant material lined with feathers and wool.

Eggs: 5 to 12, usually 6 to 8, white, heavily speckled with reddish-brown.

Food: Almost entirely insects and spiders.

Range: Southern Canada and almost the entire United States.

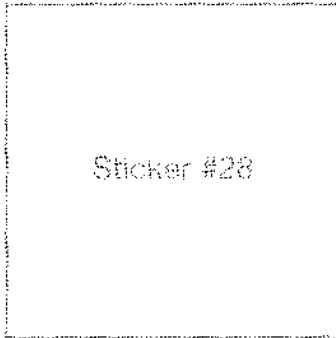
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Remarks:



Sticker #28

Brown Thrasher
Toxostoma rufum

Size: 11½ inches

Nest: Near or on ground in shrub, low tree or thicket. Bulky of twigs, leaves and grasses, lined with fine grass and rootlets.

Eggs: 4 or 5 pale greenish-blue, entirely covered with small reddish-brown dots and spots.

Food: Insects, spiders and worms comprise almost entire diet, with berries and fruit the remainder.

Range: East of the Rocky Mountains from southern Canada to Gulf of Mexico and Florida.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Gray Catbird
Dumetella
carolinensis

Sticker #29

Size: 9 inches

Nest: Deep hollow of twigs, grasses and weed stems, lined with strips of bark, rootlets and pine needles.

Eggs: 4 or 5 greenish-blue, glossy and unmarked.

Food: Ants, beetles, caterpillars, spiders and various other insects make up bulk of diet, fleshy fruits comprise balance.

Range: Southern Canada, and central and eastern United States from Maine to Florida and Gulf coast.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Sticker #30

Northern Mockingbird
Mimus polyglottos

Size: 9 to 11 inches

Nest: In dense shrubs or thickets, large cup of thorny twigs and weed stalks, lined with dry leaves, moss and rootlets.

Eggs: 3 or 5, usually 4, pale greenish-blue, smooth, glossy, spotted and blotched with reddish-brown.

Food: Varies with season, insects in spring and summer, changing to fruits and berries in autumn and winter.

Range: From coast to coast, except northern states from Great Lakes west to Pacific Ocean.

My Observations

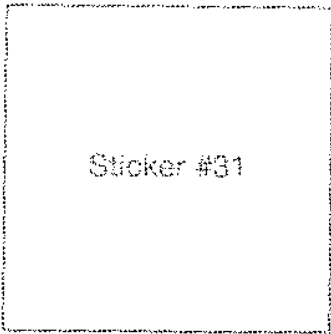
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Remarks:

**Eastern
Bluebird**
Sialia sialis



Sticker #31

Size: 7 inches

Nest: Fine grasses, leaves and weed stalks in a natural cavity in tree, abandoned woodpecker hole or birdhouse.

Eggs: 4 or 5 pale blue, smooth, glossy and unmarked.

Food: Largely insects, including beetles, moths and many caterpillars. Also a variety of fruit and berries.

Range: Southeastern Canada to Florida and Gulf coast, west to Rocky Mountains.

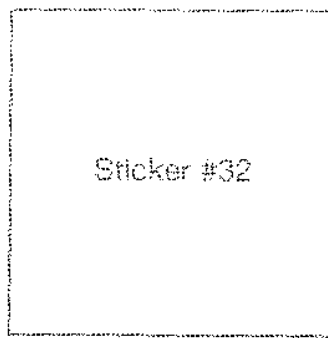
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Remarks:



Sticker #32

American Robi
Turdus migratorius

Size: 9 to 11 inches

Nest: In fork of branches of tree, deep cup made of twigs, stems and grasses, plastered with mud, lined with fine grasses.

Eggs: 3 to 5, usually 4, smooth, glossy and "Robin's egg blue."

Food: Largely earthworms, caterpillars, beetles and other insects. Also fruit and berries.

Range: Alaska, Canada and all of the United States

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Wood Thrush
Hylocichla mustelina

Sticker #33

Size: 8 inches

Nest: Sturdy cup of twigs, grasses and leaves mixed with mud, lined with fine rootlets.

Eggs: 3 to 5 slightly glossy, unmarked greenish-blue. Similar to robin, but smaller.

Food: Varied, beetles, grasshoppers, tent caterpillars and gypsy moths. Also fleshy fruits and berries.

Range: Southeastern Canada and eastern half of the United States, from Maine to northern Florida.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Sticker #34

American Redstart
Setophaga ruticilla

Size: 5 inches

Nest: In fork of tree or shrub, close-packed cup of grasses, bark, rootlets, lined with plant and bark fibers.

Eggs: 4, sometimes 3 or 5, white or creamy, sprinkled with brown or purple, concentrated on large end.

Food: Flying insects, such as moths, gnats and flies. Also caterpillars, beetles and leafhoppers.

Range: Canada, central and eastern United States excluding Florida, the Rocky Mountain states, the southwest and west coast.

My Observations

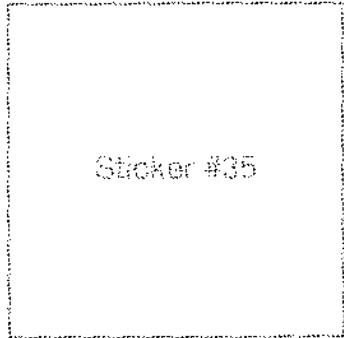
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Remarks:

Yellow Warbler
Dendroica petechia



Sticker #35

Size: 5 inches

Nest: Firm, compact cup of cotton-like fibers such as milkweed, lined with fine grasses and plant down. In twig, fork of upright tree or shrub.

Eggs: 4 to 5 white or grayish, spotted and blotched with brown especially at large end.

Food: Caterpillars, moth larvae and spiders.

Range: Alaska, Canada and throughout the United States except Florida and Gulf states.

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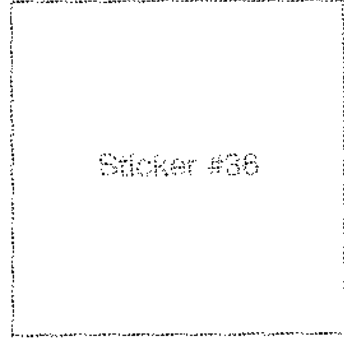
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Remarks:

Sticker #36



Ovenbird
Seiurus aurocapillus

Size: 6 inches

Nest: On the ground in depression, domed, with entrance at ground level; of dead leaves, grass and plant stalks lined with fine rootlets and hair.

Eggs: 4 to 6 creamy or white, speckled and wreathed with reddish-brown.

Food: Rummages among dead leaves and debris for insects, slugs, earthworms and other organisms on forest floor.

Range: Canada, eastern United States except Carolinas, Florida and Gulf states, west to Arkansas.

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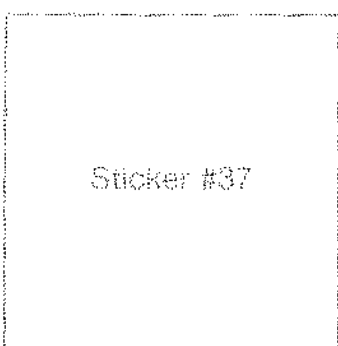
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**Red-winged
Blackbird**
Agelaius phoeniceus



Size: 7 to 9½ inches

Nest: Near water, in marshes or waterside trees. Weaves long leaves and stems into deep cup. Sometimes ground in dense grass.

Eggs: 3 to 5, usually 4, glossy, pale bluish-green, scrawled and blotched with dark brown, purple and black.

Food: Caterpillars, grasshoppers, ants, spiders and other insects. Plants consist of weed seeds and some farm crops.

Range: In large flocks throughout most of the United States, represented by 14 subspecies.

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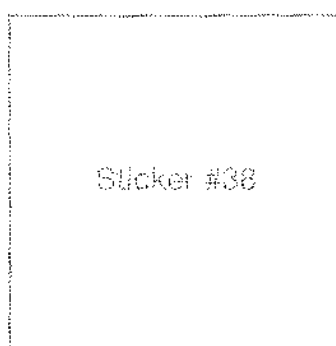
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Sticker #38



**Brown-headed
Cowbird**
Molothrus ater

Size: 7 inches

Nest: Parasitic, builds no nest of its own, lays eggs in nests of other species.

Eggs: Up to 6, white, marked with brown, laid one day in different nests. As many as 3 clutches a year.

Food: Insects collected from backs of cattle and the stirred up by their hooves. Also weed seeds and grain.

Range: Canada and throughout the United States.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

**Common
Grackle**
Quiscalus quiscula



Sticker #39

Size: 10 to 13 inches

Nest: Large, loose cup of twigs, mud-plastered grasses and weed stalks, lined with feathers and rootlets, often in colonies.

Eggs: Usually 5 pale greenish-white, scrawled and blotched with shades of brown.

Food: Omnivorous, ranging from insects, spiders, crayfish, toads and mice to nuts, seeds and even garbage.

Range: Canada, and throughout the United States east of the Rocky Mountains.

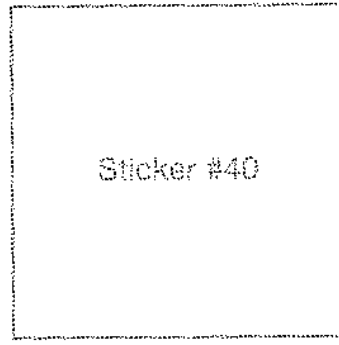
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Remarks:



Sticker #40

**Eastern
Meadowlark**
Sturnella magna

Size: 9 to 11 inches

Nest: Shallow depression on ground with dome-like canopy of surrounding growing grasses.

Eggs: 3 to 7 white, speckled and blotched with browns, purples and lavenders.

Food: Grasshoppers, weevils, caterpillars, ants, weed seeds and some grains.

Range: Canada, and throughout the United States east of the Rocky Mountains.

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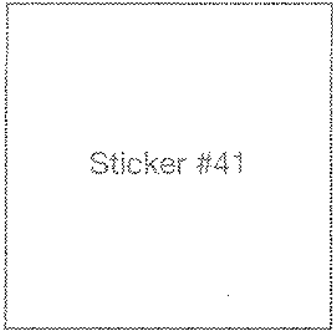
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Remarks:

European Starling
Sturnus vulgaris



Sticker #41

Size: 7 to 8 inches

Nest: A hole in tree, cavity in rocks and available woodpecker holes, constructed of collection of twigs, wood stems, straw and twigs, lined with feathers and fine grasses.

Eggs: 4 to 6 smooth, unmarked, pale bluish-white.

Food: Large variety including many insects, spiders, bees, ants and even garbage.

Range: Alaska, Canada, and throughout the United States.

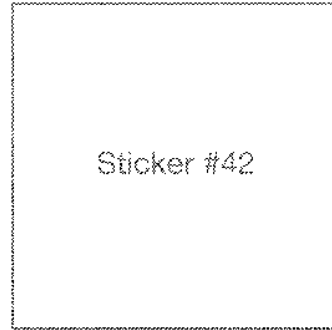
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Remarks:



Sticker #42

Northern Oriole
Icterus galbula

Size: 7 to 8 inches

Nest: Deep, pouch-like, woven of long fibers and grass, suspended from end of branch or in fork of tree 20 to 40 feet up.

Eggs: 3 to 6 glossy, grayish, tinted with very pale blue or purple, and scribbled and spotted with dark brown.

Food: Primarily insects, favoring caterpillars, including many harmful species. Plant food: wild cherries, grapes, blackberries and other fruit.

Range: Most of the United States, winters in Mexico and northern South America.

My Observations

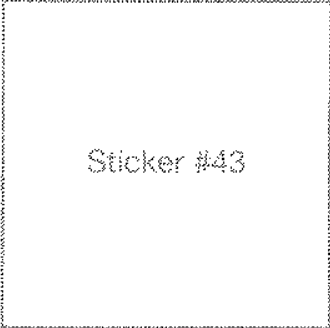
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Remarks:

Scarlet Tanager
Piranga olivacea



Sticker #43

Size: 7½ inches

Nest: High on horizontal limb of tree, a shallow cup of twigs, weed stems and grasses, lined with rootlets and fine grasses.

Eggs: 3 to 5, usually 4, pale blue or greenish-blue, speckled and blotched with purple or brown.

Food: Caterpillars, beetles, large-winged insects and fruit and berries.

Range: Eastern half of the United States excluding Gulf coast states and Atlantic coast states south of Virginia.

My Observations

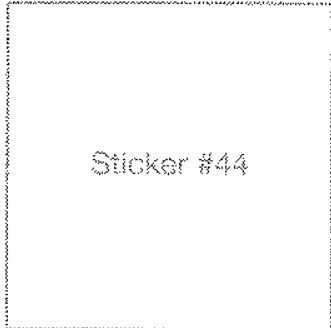
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Sticker #44



House Sparrow
Passer domesticus

Size: 5½ to 6½ inches

Nest: In almost any cavity, in buildings, walls, trees and vines. An untidy collection of grasses, straw, debris and plant stems, lined with leaves, string and feathers.

Eggs: 3 to 7, usually 5, white, variably marked heavily to lightly with black, brown and purple.

Food: Large variety including insects, fruit, grain and seeds.

Range: Throughout Canada and all of the United States.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Dark-eyed Junco
Junco hyemalis

Sticker #45

Size: 5½ to 6½ inches

Nest: Usually on the ground in shallow depression. Compact cup of twigs, bark strips and grasses lined with fine grass, rootlets and hair.

Eggs: 3 to 5 slightly glossy, white or pale bluish-green. Variably marked from light to heavy with reddish or purplish brown.

Food: Largely insects, grasshoppers, beetles and ants. In winter, eats seeds and visits bird feeders.

Range: Alaska, throughout Canada and all of the United States.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Sticker #46

Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis

Size: 8 to 9 inches

Nest: In dense thicket or small tree, bulky, loosely made of twigs, leaves and grasses, lined with rootlets, and finer grasses.

Eggs: 3 to 4 slightly glossy, greenish-white, heavily spotted and blotched with light and dark brown or purple.

Food: Seed-eater primarily, but also large variety of insects. Also fruit of cherry, dogwood and sumac.

Range: Eastern half of the United States, including Texas.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

**American
Goldfinch**
Carduelis tristis

Sticker #47

Size: 5 inches

Nest: Cup-shaped, bulky, made of grass and plant fibers. Usually near water in fork of tree, lined with soft downy plant material.

Eggs: 4 to 6 slightly glossy, pale greenish-blue unmarked.

Food: Seeds of the elm, birch, alder and conifer trees. Also dandelion, goldenrod, thistle and many garden flowers such as zinnia and cosmos. Will take sunflower seeds at the feeder.

Range: From southern Canada throughout almost the entire United States.

My Observations

Date seen: _____

Time of day: _____

Locality: _____

Remarks:

Sticker #48

**Rufous-sided
Towhee**
*Pipilo
erythrothalmus*

Size: 7½ to 8¾ inches

Nest: Usually on the ground or close to it, hidden in underbrush. Bulky, of weed stalks, leaves and bark strips, lined with finer grasses and horse or cattle hair.

Eggs: 3 to 5 creamy white, spotted and speckled, sometimes wreathed, with reddish-brown.

Food: Seeds, insects and berries, collected by vigorously scratching among dry leaves and humus on the forest or garden floor.

Range: Throughout most of the United States.

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