

Mystery Bird Case Number: 001

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mr. Cardinal is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Randy Cardinal's Description:

I was walking through the forest yesterday and heard the most beautiful bird singing merrily. I looked up in the tree and saw a bird that looked similar to a blackbird, about the size of a robin. I know it wasn't a blackbird, because the breast, belly and rump and a little bit of its wings and tail were a bright orange color. The head and most of the back were all black. The wings also had black with white bars. Boy, I sure would like to know what this bird is, and what it eats! Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

Bird Detective Report Prepared by:

Date:

Time:

What you know about this bird from the description?

- Size of bird is: (*circle closest size*) Crow size Robin size Sparrow size
- Colors of the bird:

- Description of the beak:

Based on the information provided I think this bird is:

The following are facts I learned about this bird:

- This bird's habitat is:

- This bird feeds on:

- This bird lives in Minnesota year round: (*circle one*) yes no
- An interesting fact about this bird:

Mystery Bird Case Number: 002

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mr. Blue is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Jay Blue's Description:

I was out for a hike near the Refuge visitor center when I thought I heard drums! I followed the sound and saw the coolest red-headed bird. It was big and black, like a crow, but it had a bright red crest on its head. It had some white stripes on its face, too. It was on a tree trunk, not in the branches. What was this large bird? Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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Date:

Time:

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- Colors of the bird:
- Description of the beak:

Based on the information provided I think this bird is:

The following are facts I learned about this bird:

- This bird's habitat is:
- This bird feeds on:
- This bird lives in Minnesota year round: (*circle one*) yes no
- An interesting fact about this bird:

Mystery Bird Case Number: 003

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mrs. Finch is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Robin Finch's Description:

I was sitting in my yard this weekend when a beautiful bird stopped at my feeder. It was bright blue and had a crest on its head that looked like a little Mohawk. Its belly and face were mostly greyish-white, but it had looked like it was wearing a fancy black necklace. It didn't sound as beautiful as it looked, though—I must have startled it and it flew away with a harsh cry. Was this what they call a bluebird? Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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Date:

Time:

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- Colors of the bird:

- Description of the beak:

Based on the information provided I think this bird is:

The following are facts I learned about this bird:

- This bird's habitat is:

- This bird feeds on:

- This bird lives in Minnesota year round: (*circle one*) yes no
- An interesting fact about this bird:

Mystery Bird Case Number: 004

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mrs. Wren is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Virginia Wren's Description:

I keep seeing this merry bird in my yard. It's not as large as a crow but bigger than a sparrow. It sings so happily every morning, almost a cheerily, cheerily, cheerily. It's an easy bird to see. I think it must eat worms. It's been pulling them out of the ground with its yellow beak. This bird is mostly gray, with a rusty red/orange breast. The head and tail look black. I think it has a white ring around its eye. Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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Date:

Time:

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- Description of the beak:

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The following are facts I learned about this bird:

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- This bird feeds on:

- This bird lives in Minnesota year round: (*circle one*) yes no
- An interesting fact about this bird:

Mystery Bird Case Number: 005

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mr. O'Link is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Bob O'Link's Description:

I've been walking out in the forest looking for chickadees. Yesterday I thought I saw a chickadee, but when I got closer, the bird looked so different. This bird was greyer. It had the black cap and white breast, but its beak was long and thin. This bird was doing some crazy tricks, hopping headfirst down the trees. Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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- Description of the beak:

Based on the information provided I think this bird is:

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- This bird lives in Minnesota year round: (*circle one*) yes no
- An interesting fact about this bird:

Mystery Bird Case Number: 006

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mrs. Tanager is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Scarlet Tanager's Description:

I just bought a bird feeder and I've been seeing so many of these sparrow sized birds. They have black caps on the tops of their heads, and black beards. The bird appears to be mostly gray in color, except its breast is white, and the belly looks a little dirty like a tan color. I think it keeps telling me spring is here! Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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Mystery Bird Case Number: 007

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mr. Loon is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Jim Loon's Description:

I was fishing at the Bass Ponds on Tuesday, and this bird covered in black kept flying over my head squawking at me. It must have thought I was invading its territory. This bird had a long pointy beak. I know it wasn't a crow, it was smaller like a robin. I don't think it was a blackbird because it had bright red and yellow on its wings. I wonder where this bird nests? Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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Mystery Bird Case Number: 008

Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mrs. Swan is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Phoebe Swan's Description:

I keep hearing this "birdy, birdy, birdy, birdy" song outside my window. I went to investigate, and saw this bright red bird in between the size of a sparrow and a robin. The whole body of the bird was red, even its beak. I did notice a black mask on its face. This must be one cool bird with its spiked feathers on the crown of his head. I really like this bird. Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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Time:

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Dear Bird Detectives,

Refuge Rangers need your help. I received a call about recent bird activity. Mr. Swallow is not certain what the bird is that was spotted. Detectives, can you help the Refuge Rangers figure out the bird by the description provided? Use your bird guides to investigate and fill in the report below.

Cliff Swallow's Description:

I was out along the edge of the forest on Sunday and noticed a pretty blue bird. I would say it was about the size of a sparrow. It looked like its head, wings and tail were all a sky blue color, and its breast was a rusty orange color. The belly looked white. Do you think I discovered a new bird in Minnesota? Can you help me figure out what this bird is?

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