



Trivia quiz: Fabulous Bird Facts



The range of bird species boggles the mind. You can see pictures of some of the most amazing variations at <http://www.buzzfeed.com/catesish/15-gorgeous-and-unusual-birds-2gyn> (Sample pictured here: A Silver Laced Polish chicken.) The following trivia quiz is a conglomeration of odd bird facts. Don't worry about what you don't know; just be amazed by what you learn!

Can you guess what's true?

1. The bones of most birds are hollow and filled with air and sometimes weigh less than a bird's feathers.
True ___ False ___
2. Most birds do not sing when they are on the ground. They only sing when perched off the ground or while flying.
True ___ False ___
3. White bird feathers are stronger than black or colored feathers.
True ___ False ___
4. The type of nest often determines the shape of the bird's egg.
True ___ False ___
5. Seed-eating birds have a more developed sense of taste than do insect-eating birds.
True ___ False ___
6. Birds don't dream when they sleep.
True ___ False ___
7. Birds tend to be flat-footed, enabling them to walk with stability.
True ___ False ___
8. Many migrating birds spend 6 to 9 months in the tropics, and only a short period of time in the temperate zone.
True ___ False ___
9. The pouch of a pelican has a capacity to carry 7 quarts.
True ___ False ___



10. The female cuckoo bird destroys eggs in other bird's nests and replaces them with her own, leaving them for the original mother to care for.

True ___ False ___

11. An albatross is able to sleep and fly at the same time.

True ___ False ___

12. Male peacocks keep the same tail feathers for life.

True ___ False ___

13. Using energy at the rate of a Hummingbird, a human would have to eat 340 pounds of potatoes every day.

True ___ False ___



14. A Tundra Swan has over 25,000 feathers on its body, while the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird has less than 1000.

True ___ False ___

15. Seagulls are able to drink salty sea water because they have an internal desalination system.

True ___ False ___

16. The ostrich is the only bird that has a bladder. All other birds have only one orifice for releasing body waste.

True ___ False ___

False answers and their corrected information are listed below

Answers: 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 12 are false. The corrected information:

3. Pigmented feathers are more resistant to wear, which is why woodpeckers, whose tails are used for leverage against tree trunks when pecking, have black tail feathers.

5. Insect eating birds need their more developed sense of taste to avoid eating poisonous insects that might harm them.

6. According to research conducted by the University of Chicago, birds dream about their songs, have dream rehearsals, and sing the same songs better the next day.

7. Birds walk on their toes with their heels in the air.

9. Male pelicans have a 12-quart capacity in their pouches.

12. Male peacocks shed and re-grow their tail feathers each year.