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## AN INTERESTING ACTIVITY

From the balcony of my house, I have the possibility of contemplating a park full of trees. In them, nest a great variety of birds. There are woodpeckers, parakeets, turtledoves, tiles, and many more than with their trills and activity entertain me. I enjoy watching a little sparrow trying to conquer its partner, and the tireless hummingbird flying from flower to flower to take its rich nectar.

If you look around in your neighborhood, in the park, or in the streets of your city, you may also be lucky enough to see some birds.

There are beautiful birds that call our attention because of their bright colors, others that are not so pretty go unnoticed, and others that are noisy get noticed.

Birds are vertebrate animals that have their bodies covered in feathers. There is a great diversity of birds that inhabit all corners of the planet. The three countries where you can find more variety are Brazil, Colombia, and Peru.

There are more than ten thousand species of birds of many colors, shapes, and sizes. Its size can go from the 6.1 centimeters of the bee hummingbird, the smallest bird, to 2.74 meters of the largest bird, the ostrich.

Ornithology is the part of zoology that is dedicated to the study of birds, and the people who study birds are ornithologists.

Just as there are birds around us, there are many birds that do not live in urban areas and are difficult to see. That's a challenge for lovers of birds who enjoy a very interesting activity known as ornithological tourism or ecotourism birdwatching.

### ZOOLOGY

It is the science of animals.

Some of its branches are:

Entomology: Study of insects

Ichthyology: Study of fish

Herpetology: Study of reptiles and amphibians

Ornithology: Study of birds

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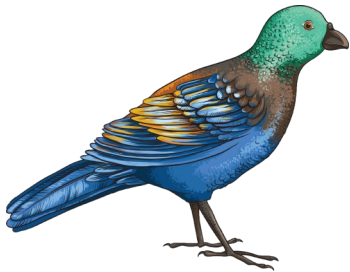
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Bird watchers are tourists who watch birds. They travel all over the world with their special glasses to see, hear, and research birds. The requirement is that the species must be native to that area and not that has been introduced from other zones.



Birdwatching, in addition to being an interesting activity, has aided in the protection of birds and the protection of the environment they inhabit. If a habitat is destroyed, the species that live there will not survive.



Birds are very useful for balancing the earth. They eat the weeds, pollinate the flowers, and scatter seeds. They eliminate rodents and insects. The bird scavengers clean the ecosystem of dead animals that could cause disease. If birds became extinct, the entire ecosystem would be destroyed.

Ornithological tourism is practiced in many countries. In the United States, you can hike in national parks to see bird species that you can't see anywhere else.

If you wanted to see the huge condor of California, you can go to the Grand Canyon, north of Arizona, Zion National Park in southwest Utah, and Pinnacles National Park in central California. The California condor is one of the largest flying birds in the world.



If you practice birdwatching in the Aransas National Wildlife Reserve on the southwest coast of Texas, you will see the elegant white cranes. They continue to be in danger of extinction, even with protective measures in place.

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There are other small, plump birds with colored beaks known as the Atlantic Puffin that arrive on the rocky islands of Maine only during the summer and spring to reproduce. These birds spend most of their life in the sea, so the best way to see them is from a boat. Those who like ornithological tourism make trips daily to the islands of the National Wild Life Refuge along Maine's coastal islands, to observe them.



Birds are amazing animals that were born to be free. Their purpose is to fly and be with others of the same species in a natural environment.

In the natural paradises full of birds, bird watchers with binoculars enjoy tours filled with unforgettable experiences, waiting and watching patiently to see, for just a few seconds, those species unique to each region.



### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. What are the countries with the greatest variety of birds?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the smallest bird on the planet? How tall is it?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is ornithology?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What interesting activity does the text refer to?

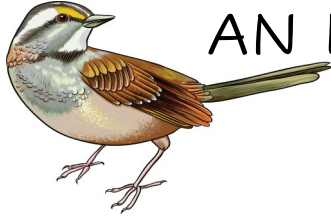
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5. What does a bird watcher do?

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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



1. The author includes the ZOOLOGY box to \_\_\_\_\_
- explain ornithological tourism.
  - differentiate the types of animals.
  - know more about birds.
  - give additional information.

2. What does this sentence mean in the text?

The condition is that the species must belong to the place and must not be insert-

- Birds should not be brought from another area.
  - Birds should not leave that area.
  - The birds in that area are protected.
  - The birds in that area are in danger.
3. The best way to see the Atlantic puffin is by boat because \_\_\_\_\_
- they are small and plump.
  - they have the colorful beaks.
  - they arrive in spring and summer.
  - they live in the sea.
4. The largest bird on the planet is \_\_\_\_\_
- the California Condor.
  - the fly bird.
  - the ostrich.
  - the white crane.
5. Ornithological tourism helps \_\_\_\_\_
- people see the California condor.
  - protect birds and their environment.
  - bird watchers all over the planet.
  - travelers who watch birds with binoculars.

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Investigate 2 of each.



Other branches of zoology:		
Birds in danger of extinc-		
Birds that cannot fly:		

Look at the following diagrams. Choose the sentence that best completes each diagram.

### CAUSE

If a habitat is destroyed,

### EFFECT

- a. the ecosystem is cleaned.
- b. you can't go bird watching.
- c. the species that live there are destroyed.

### CAUSE

If birds become extinct,

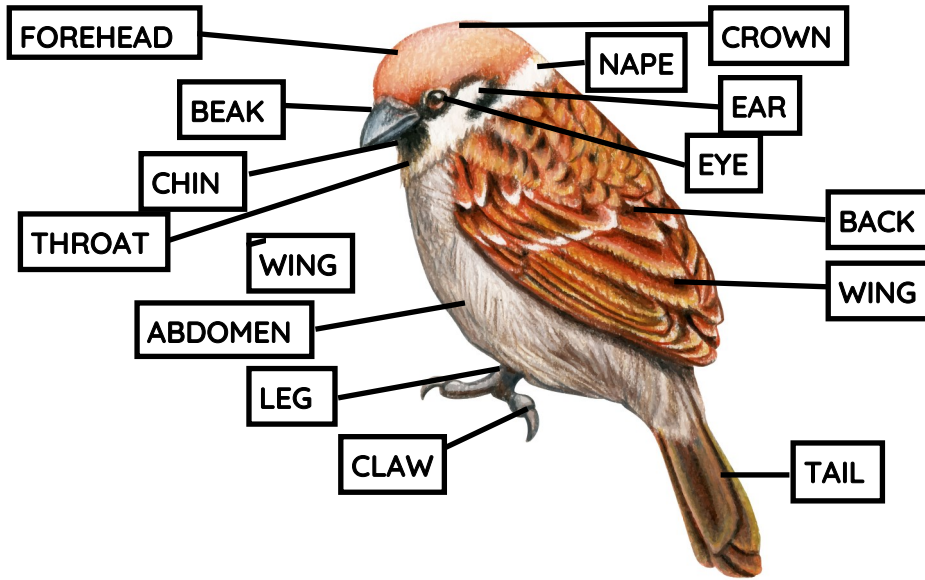
### EFFECT

- a. it could destroy the entire ecosystem that we inhabit.
- b. plants would not be pollinated.
- c. rodents and insects would all die.

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### BODY PARTS OF A BIRD



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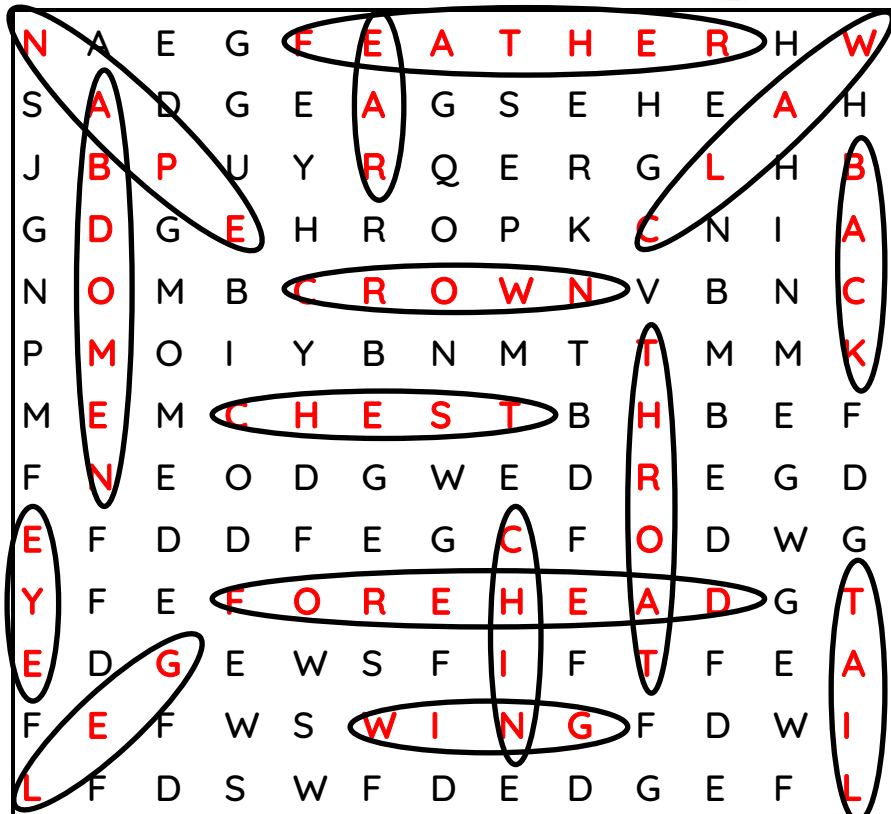
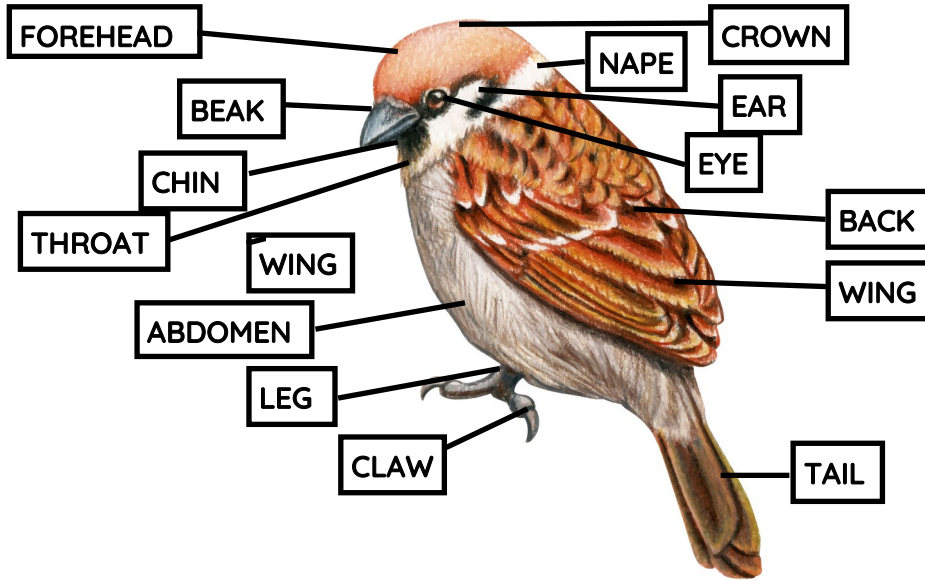
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