

February 2025 Answer Sheet

Welcome to Puzzled Pint!



Give us
Feedback!

Tonight

- We're here to help! This is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as you'd like. The goal is to have fun, not to be frustrated!

The Puzzles

- Each puzzle will solve to a short word or phrase. How? That's for you to discover.
- Need a code sheet or solving resources? Check out the Resources page on Puzzled Pint's webpage: <http://www.puzzledpint.com/resources/>
- You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone, the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!
- While each month has a theme, you need no special knowledge of the theme to solve.

About Puzzled Pint

- How did tonight go? Fill out the survey with the QR code above.
- We're an all-volunteer organization.
 - Help us run locally: Talk with Game Control about how you can volunteer.
 - Help us run globally: <https://www.patreon.com/PuzzledPint>

We are always looking for puzzle sets for future months! Check out how you can could write puzzle for Puzzled Pint by going here: <http://www.puzzledpint.com/info/author/>

Team Name:

Start Time:

Team Size:

End Time:

Puzzle Answers	
Countdown	
Fowl Language	
Murmuring	
Migration	
Meta: Ornithological Deduction	
Bonus: Sankofa (optional)	

Countdown

How fowl! Sarah and James were distracted by a strange call, and someone stole their lunch. They **didn't see** who it was, and all that's left is a pile of feathers. They're **counting** on you to **sort** it out. Can you identify the culprit?



Feather 1: Cardinal Directions, ABC on a Phone, Cube Faces, Playing Card Suits, Seasons, Beatles, Stoooges

Feather 2: Cat's Lives, 1, 4, __, 16, 25, ..., Bits in a byte, Baseball Innings, Moebius Strip Sides, Heard "No" in Berlin?, The Sequel

Feather 3: Fingers, Decathlon Events, Metric System Base, Toes, Zeroes in A Billion, Caesar's X, Fantastic

Feather 4: Geese A-laying, Insect Legs, Tale of Cities, Cube Corners, Wishes From a Genie, Feet Under, Half of a Score

Feather 5: Gemini, Mars Moons, Taste Sensations, Chopsticks, Commandments, $a \times _ = a$, 's A Crowd

Feather 6: Hydrogen, The Loneliest Number, Spatial Dimensions, Wonders of the World, Smuggler Han, Required to Tango, Honeycomb

Feather 7: Musketeers, Hat Trick, Harry Potter Movies, Apple Founders Named Steve, Primary Colors, Santa's Reindeer, Blind Mice

Feather 8: Dwarfs, Neutral pH, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Deadly Sins, Boy Band Direction, Olympic Medals, Guitar Strings

Feather 9: Senses, Third Prime Number, Olympic Rings, How the Cheese Stands, Quintet, US Great Lakes, Days of the Week

Feather 10: Spider Legs, Magic Ball, Feathers in this puzzle, Stop Sign Sides, Months of Pregnancy, Cyclops, Mario Bros



Fowl Language

James is hiking solo, enjoying the sounds of nature—especially all of the cacophony coming from the trees, grasses, and air around him. He’s surprised at **first** that even in spite of his presence, he hears calls **boldly** ringing throughout the forest, **from the top** of the canopy **to the bottom** of the undergrowth.

If only Sarah were here to help him make an **order** of the **pitch and volume** of each sound. She’s the expert on avian audio. But alas, Sarah has been in a bit of a rut and has been getting out **decreasingly** often as of late.

But hark! Is that a lark he hears? No, it’s something even better!

What call does James hear that’s sure to get Sarah out?

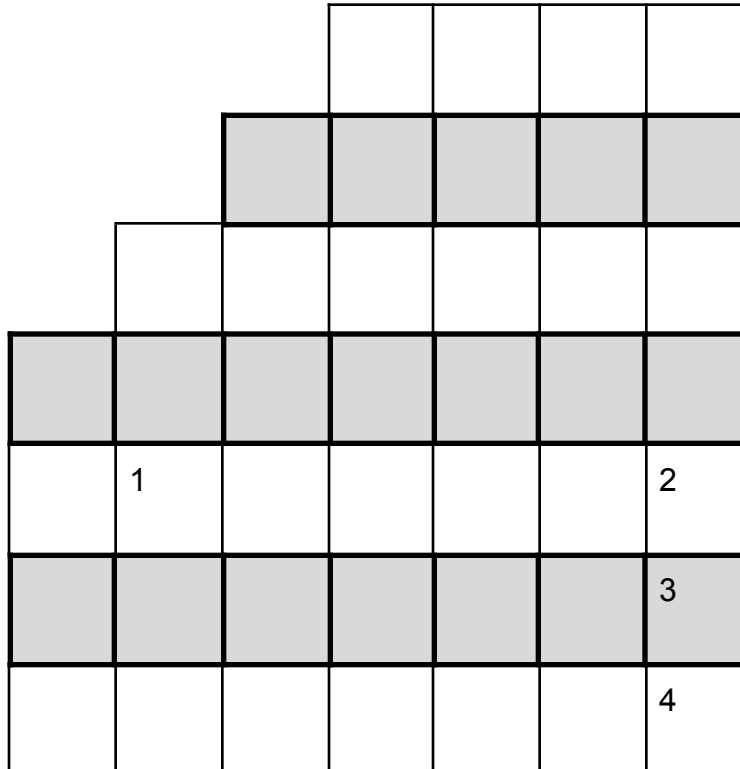


Murmuring



James and Sarah spy an enormous avian swarm, enough to make them dizzy! They notice several groups of flyers, **each one starting in the path behind another**, flying helter-skelter **in every direction**. What do they do to get all of them in line, **eventually**?

	F	I	R	S	T
T		E			
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E	O				
N					
D					



- 1
- _____ ↗ Cowboy competition
 - _____ ↓ Promise
 - _____ ↙ Fire output
 - _____ → Mature

- 3
- _____ ↖ Snitch
 - _____ ↘ Pitch
 - _____ ↑ Dirt
 - _____ ↗ This clue has one

- 2
- _____ ↑ Classroom surfaces
 - _____ ← Examine
 - _____ ↖ Kind of party
 - _____ ↙ Fire remnants

- 4
- _____ ← Boat for billionaires
 - _____ ↖ Taxi
 - _____ ↘ Ewe said it?
 - _____ ↑ Dined

Migration



While on a birdwatching cruise, James and Sarah see a gull tagged for observation. Alas, the tag's GPS data has been **summarized**, so only the start, end, and **total area covered at a given latitude or longitude on each trip** is available. Sarah notices this bird isn't an "ambiturner"—it **only turns right!** It **may cross its own path but never doubles over on itself**. James and Sarah **determine the paths** this bird took from the South Pole to the North Pole, and from North to South. After **comparing the paths**, how do they describe the bird's migration?

	0	5	1	4	2	7	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	0		
South-to-North Migration	1	R	O	S	G	I	F	E	L	N	S	U	T	M	R	B
	4	N	N	R	A	R	S	T	H	I	A	A	L	H	B	I
	5	T	A	I	E	M	W	C	Y	I	P	U	T	A	N	F
	1	I	A	F	N	M	O	A	H	B	I	L	R	O	O	C
	1	M	B	S	U	E	I	R	E	M	D	R	S	C	E	B
	13	D	I	O	C	A	B	L	G	R	I	L	D	T	O	D
	3	G	I	S	A	K	O	N	Y	A	T	K	E	A	O	I
	10	D	I	E	N	D	A	P	R	E	N	R	E	N	U	R
	1	O	S	A	O	L	A	A	G	C	R	L	O	M	I	C
	1	I	G	O	E	R	F	L	Y	E	T	E	G	C	N	A

R	O	S	G	I	F	E	L	N	S	U	T	M	R	B	1
N	N	R	A	R	S	T	H	I	A	A	L	H	B	I	6
T	A	I	E	M	W	C	Y	I	P	U	T	A	N	F	3
I	A	F	N	M	O	A	H	B	I	L	R	O	O	C	4
M	B	S	U	E	I	R	E	M	D	R	S	C	E	B	1
D	I	O	C	A	B	L	G	R	I	L	D	T	O	D	4
G	I	S	A	K	O	N	Y	A	T	K	E	A	O	I	3
D	I	E	N	D	A	P	R	E	N	R	E	N	U	R	3
O	S	A	O	L	A	A	G	C	R	L	O	M	I	C	14
I	G	O	E	R	F	L	Y	E	T	E	G	C	N	A	1
1	1	1	4	3	5	2	2	8	0	4	2	5	1	1	
															North-to-South Migration

Ornithological Deduction (1 of 2)



Dog-gone-it! Sarah was preparing to present to the local nature club about **five** of her favorite avian sightings, but her dog Cooper found her field notes and decided to edit them...with his teeth.

Thankfully, James was able to bring his field notes to help fill in the gaps, picking **one sighting for each trait**. Sarah reminded James **not to completely cross out some of the extra info, since they might need it later**.

As they worked at the 11th hour to put it all together, **what did James realize he had found?**

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Ping-pong	Tennis	Softball	Basketball	Beach Ball	Long	Hooked	Short	Pointed	Conical	Seeds	Berries	Insects	Fish	Mice
1	Blue	A	D	E	W	I	H	N	L	M	X	A	N	L	O	K
2	Black	R	N	I	B	N	M							G	R	T
3	Gray	J	W	U	S	D	N		K	E	D	A	C	H	M	E
4	Orange	L	O	M	R	F	I		E	T	R	L	V	E	O	L
5	Yellow	V	E		E	Y	B		↓	O	N	O	G	M	E	E
6	Seeds	O	G		A	→				R	M					
7	Berries	N	S							G	↓					
8	Insects	→					S	R	R	C						
9	Fish						A	A	Z	W						
10	Mice		O	C												
11	Long		R	R		L										
12	Hooked		D	P												
13	Short		O	U												
14	Pointed		W	A	I	A										
15	Conical			N	T	N										

Ornithological Deduction (2 of 2) Field Notes



Cormorant, Crested

This big, dark black water bird has a large throat pouch and a hooked bill. About the size of a basketball, it feeds



on fish, nesting on cliffs and migrating in groups.

Crane, Sandhill

Prairies and marshes are common locations to find this crane. Beach-ball-sized and mostly gray, with a long neck and long beak. Omnivorous, known to eat just about anything.



Grosbeak, Evening

This sturdy-looking yellow bird has patches on its wings, and a conical beak. About the size of a tennis-ball, it eats insects and berries.



Heron, Blue

This large, elegant bird wades in lakes and streams to hunt for small prey – including mice and fish – using its long beak. Named for its blue color.

Loon, Common

Eerie red eyes and black plumage help identify this basketball-sized waterfowl. Its pointed beak is ideal for catching fish. Strongly territorial, with typically only one pair per lake.



Oriole, Baltimore

This bright orange and black bird is about the size of a tennis ball and eats berries using its conical beak.

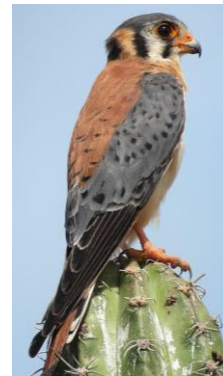


Goldfinch, Lesser

Identifiable by its bright yellow belly, this small (ping-pong-ball-size) bird has a conical beak with which it eats seeds.

Kestrel, American

Living in both rural and urban areas, this softball-sized falcon can be recognized by its rusty orange tail and back feathers. It catches prey, such as mice, using its hooked beak and talons.



Swallow, Tree


Tiny and delicate, this ping-pong-ball-sized bird has bright blue wings and back, with dark feathers on the tips of its wings. It nests in cavities and hunts insects with its short beak.

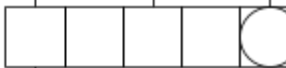







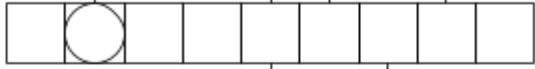
Sankofa


Like so many wonderful things, their bird-watching travels had to come to an end, and James and Sarah had to part ways. But as **they looked back**, despite all they did see together, what did they find?


Develops a disease without symptoms 



Moving quickly, or a pop star  


4 out of 5 birds recommend this plumage  


Percussionist's implement 



Extensions of a building 

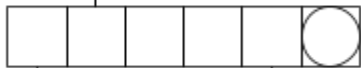
Fit neatly together, like a mortise & tenon joint 


Rank-or-file chess threat  



Machine for lifting 

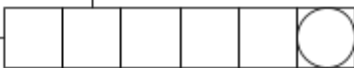
One clause, like a matryoshka doll, embedded in another 

Consume  

Small strapless purse 

Beta software deployment, or oxygen monitor in a mine 

One under par, or a musical Conrad  

Office that isn't HQ, especially that of a bank 

A set of stairs or drinks 