



Eagle Eyes - Solution

Sarah's list of Birders are all famous real people or fictional characters with bird last names, and James' list is the same with bird first names. (The last person on both lists is someone known best by their bird-related middle name: Drake.)

Indexing the full names using the given numbers gives the answer: PECKING ORDER

Jack	<u>S</u> parrow		6
	Martin	Luth <u>e</u> r	11
Sheryl	<u>C</u> row		7
Tony	Haw <u>k</u>		8
Taylor	Sw <u>i</u> ft		9
Florence	Night <u>i</u> ngale		15
	Jay	<u>G</u> atsby	4
	R <u>o</u> bin	Williams	2
Frasier	<u>C</u> rane		9
Larry	B <u>i</u> rd		9
	Rav <u>e</u> n	Symone	4
Aubrey	<u>D</u> rake	Graham	8



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Countdown - Solution

There are 10 feathers, each with 7 items: 6 items on the "vane" of the feather, and 1 on the feather's "calamus" or "quill" (the part at the bottom). Each of those 70 items is associated with a number 1 through 10, and the feathers can be ordered by the quill's number. Starting with the quill numbered 10 and counting down, identify the items on each feather that match the number of that quill (e.g. 4 on the 4 quill). Those items form braille-encoded letters that say: ROBBER DUCK.

4 Cardinal Directions

6 Cube Faces

ABC on a Phone 2

Playing 4 Card Suits

4 Seasons

4 Beatles

3 Stoges

8 Bits in a byte

9 Baseball Innings

9 Heard "No" in Berlin?

10 Decathlon Events

10 Toes

10 Fingers

6 Geese A-laying

6 Insect Legs

2 Gemini

2 Mars Moons

2 Chopsticks

∴ = D

1 Strip Sides

9 Zeroes in A Billion

3 Wishes From a Genie

5 Taste Sensations

10 Commandments

3 's A Crowd

∴ = O

10 Metric System Base

Caesar's X 10

4 Fantastic

∴ = R

2 Cities

2 Tale of

8 Cube Corners

6 Feet Under

10 Score

∴ = E

10 Commandments

3 's A Crowd

∴ = C

1 The Loneliest Number

7 Wonders of the World

3 Spatial Dimensions

1 Smuggler Han

2 Required to Tango

6 Honeycomb

1 Hydrogen

∴ = K

2 Apple Founders Named Steve

8 Harry Potter Movies

9 Santa's Reindeer

3 Hat Trick

3 Primary Colors

3 Blind Mice

3 Musketeers

∴ = U

4 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

7 Neutral pH

7 Deadly Sins

3 Olympic Medals

1 Boy Band Direction

6 Guitar Strings

7 Dwarfs

∴ = B

1 How the Cheese Stands

5 Third Prime Number

5 Olympic Rings

5 US Great Lakes

7 Days of the Week

5 Quintet

5 Senses

∴ = R

10 Feathers in this puzzle

8 Magic Ball

8 Stop Sign Sides

9 Months of Pregnancy

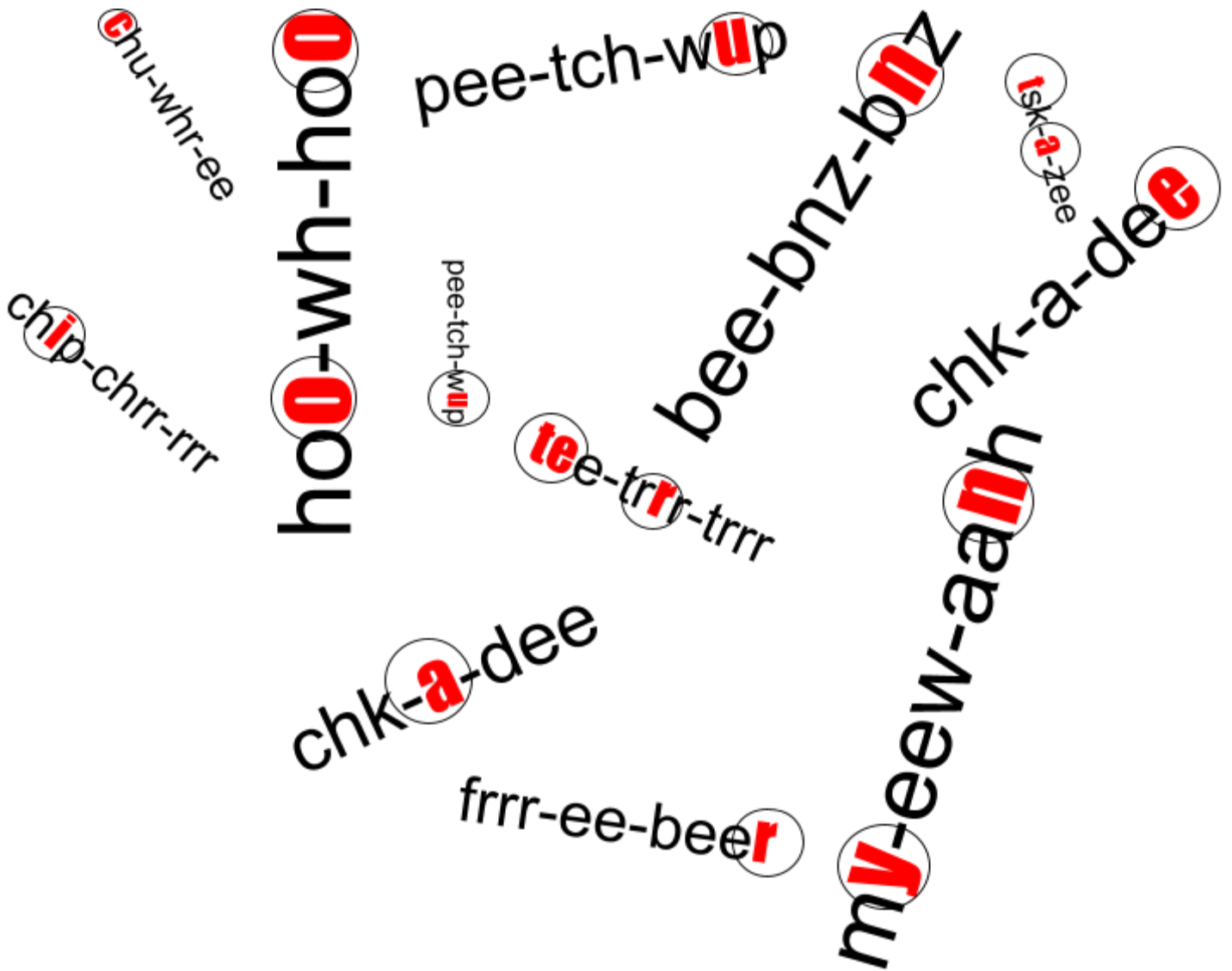
1 Cyclops

2 Mario Bros

8 Spider Legs

∴ = B

Fowl Language - Solution



Some of the letters in the calls are in a different font. Selecting just those letters, reading from top-to-bottom and left-to-right, you get: COUNT AEIOU TERNARY

This is a hint to count the vowels (not Y) in each syllable of each bird call, and treat those counts as a ternary encoding. This produces the letters KTSREEISREHH.

The flavor text hints at “pitch” (meaning either tone or angle) and volume (meaning either loudness or size). Ordering the letters above according to decreasing angle and/or decreasing font size (both give the same ordering) gives: THREE SHRIKES

Order the bird calls by their angle (“pitch”) and size (descending)—it’s the same either way.

hoo-wh-hoo	= 202	→ T	(Great Gray Owl)
my-eew-aanh	= 022	→ H	(Catbird)
bee-bnz-bnz	= 200	→ R	(Golden-winged Warbler)
chk-a-dee	= 012	→ E	(Black-capped Chickadee)
chk-a-dee	= 012	→ E	(Black-capped Chickadee)
pee-tch-wup	= 201	→ S	(Sandpiper)
frrr-ee-beer	= 022	→ H	(Alder Flycatcher)
tee-trrr-trrr	= 200	→ R	(Rock Wren)
chip-chrr-rrr	= 100	→ I	(Sedge Wren)
chu-whr-ee	= 102	→ K	(Solitary Vireo)
tsk-a-zee	= 012	→ E	(Mountain Chickadee)
pee-tch-wup	= 201	→ S	(Sandpiper)

Murmuring - Hints / Solution

			A	O	O	S
		S	P	E	A	K
	H	Y	D	U	T	S
	T	O		T	H	E
E	1 R	B	O	E	A	D 2
T	A	N	A	G	E	R 3
A	E	T	H	C	A	Y 4

1

RODEO ↗ Cowboy competition
 OATH ↓ Promise
 HEAT ✓ Fire output
 AGE → Mature

3

RAT ↖ Snitch
 TONE ✓ Pitch
 EARTH ↑ Dirt
 TYPO ↗ This clue has one

2

DESKS ↑ Classroom surfaces
 STUDY ← Examine
 TEA ↖ Kind of party
 ASH ✓ Fire remnants

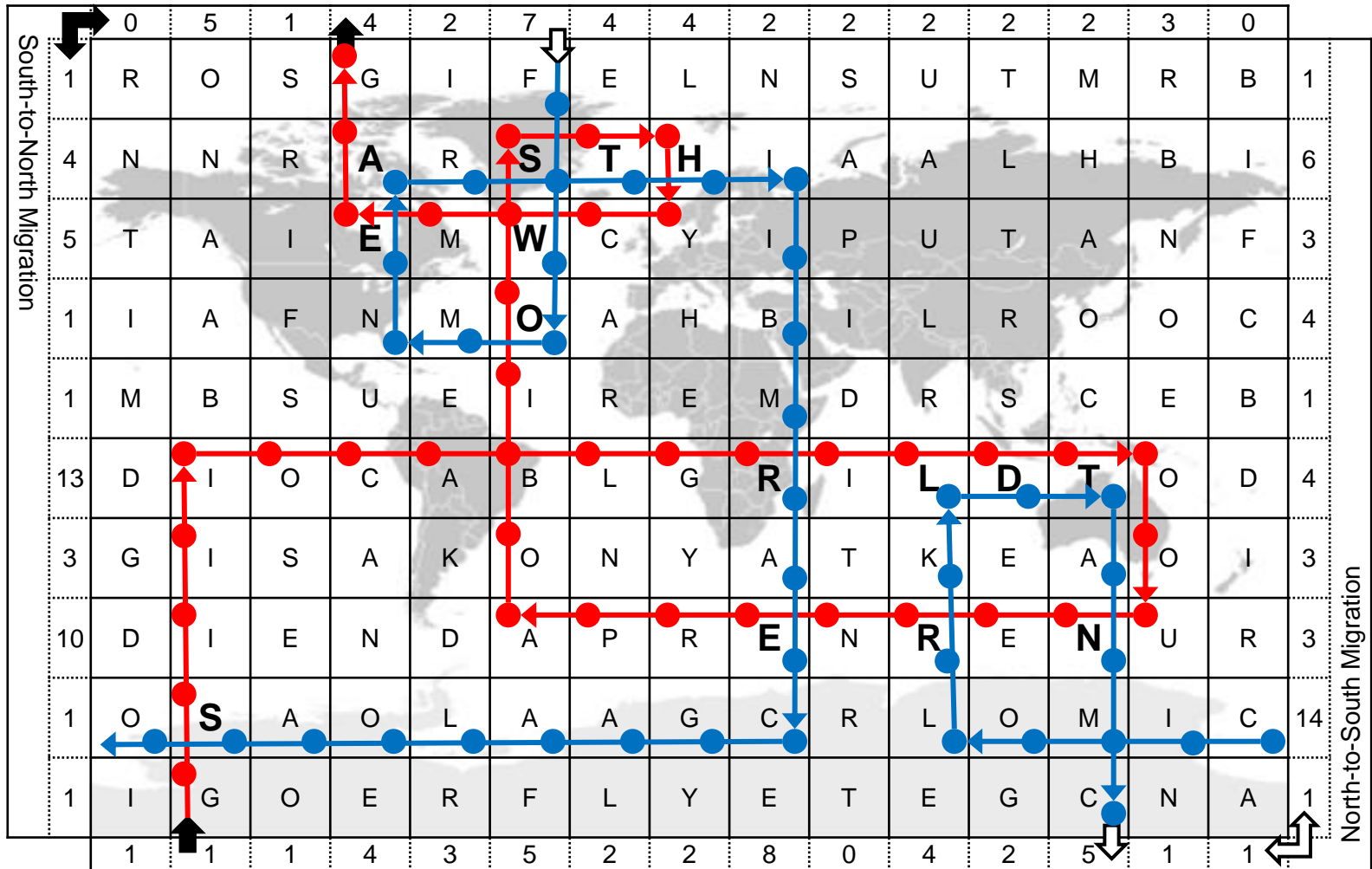
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YACHT ← Boat for billionaires
 CAB ↖ Taxi
 BAA ✓ Ewe said it?
 ATE ↑ Dined

Fill in the words in the indicated directions, with the next word starting somewhere in the previous word (maybe the last letter, but not always).

Answer is the even (and non-gibberish, left-to-right) rows: **SPEAK TO THE TANGER**

Migration - Solution



Using the totals on each grid, identify which squares were passed through. Note that there are some columns on each trip that have zero crossings. This forces the bird to wrap around the map (the map is flat; the earth is not!) on the North-to-South migration. Also, for the North-to-South migration, the right turns are from the bird's perspective, so it looks like left turns if looking at the map with North up. Looking at all the squares which the bird visited on BOTH trips and reading top-to-bottom, right-to-left yields the answer: AS THE WORLD TURNS



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Ornithological Deduction SOLUTION

1. Fill in the main set answers in the blank spaces in the grid. Start at the arrows and they are all different lengths, so there should be no ambiguity as to how they are filled.
2. There's only one softball-sized bird, the American Kestrel. It's orange, eats mice, and has a hooked beak. Since the Cormorant also has a hooked bill, it can be excluded.
3. The Loon is the only other basketball-sized bird in the group. It's black, has a pointed beak, and eats fish.
4. The Blue Heron eats fish and mice, but we've already identified birds with that food, so it can be excluded.
5. The Sandhill Crane is the only other beach-ball-sized bird. It is gray, and has a long beak. You can't determine what it was eating yet.
6. The Tree Swallow is the only other blue bird. It is ping-pong-ball-sized, eats insects, and has a short beak.
7. Since the Lesser Goldfinch also is ping-pong-ball-sized, it can be excluded.
8. The Evening Grosbeak is the only other yellow bird. It is the size of a tennis ball and has a conical beak.

		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
Tree Swallow	1 Blue	A	D	E	W	I	H	N	L	M	X	A	N	L	O	K
Loon	2 Black	R	N	I	B	N	M	H	R	I	K	E	S	G	R	T
Sandhill Crane	3 Gray	J	W	U	S	D	N	S	K	E	D	A	C	H	M	E
American Kestrel	4 Orange	L	O	M	R	F	I	E	E	T	R	L	V	E	O	L
Evening Grosbeak	5 Yellow	V	E	K	E	Y	B	E	R	O	N	O	G	M	E	E
	6 Seeds	O	G	C	A	T	H	R	O	R	M					
	7 Berries	N	S	U	D	R	E	B	B	G	A					
	8 Insects	S	P	E	A	K	S	R	R	C	S					
	9 Fish	E	H	T	O	T	A	A	Z	W	T					
	10 Mice	T	O	C	D	L	R	O	W	E	H					
	11 Long	A	R	R	T	L										
	12 Hooked	N	D	P	E	S										
	13 Short	A	O	U	R	N										
	14 Pointed	G	W	A	I	A										
	15 Conical	E	R	N	T	N										

○ ALL BIRD NAME LENGTHS AS ROW-COL PAIR

- Cormorant, Crested → 9, 7 → A
- Crane, Sandhill → 5, 8 → R
- Goldfinch, Lesser → 9, 6 → A
- Grosbeak, Evening → 8, 7 → R
- Heron, Blue → 5, 4 → E
- Kestrel, American → 7, 8 → B
- Loon, Common → 4, 6 → I
- Oriole, Baltimore → 6, 9 → R
- Swallow, Tree → 7, 4 → D

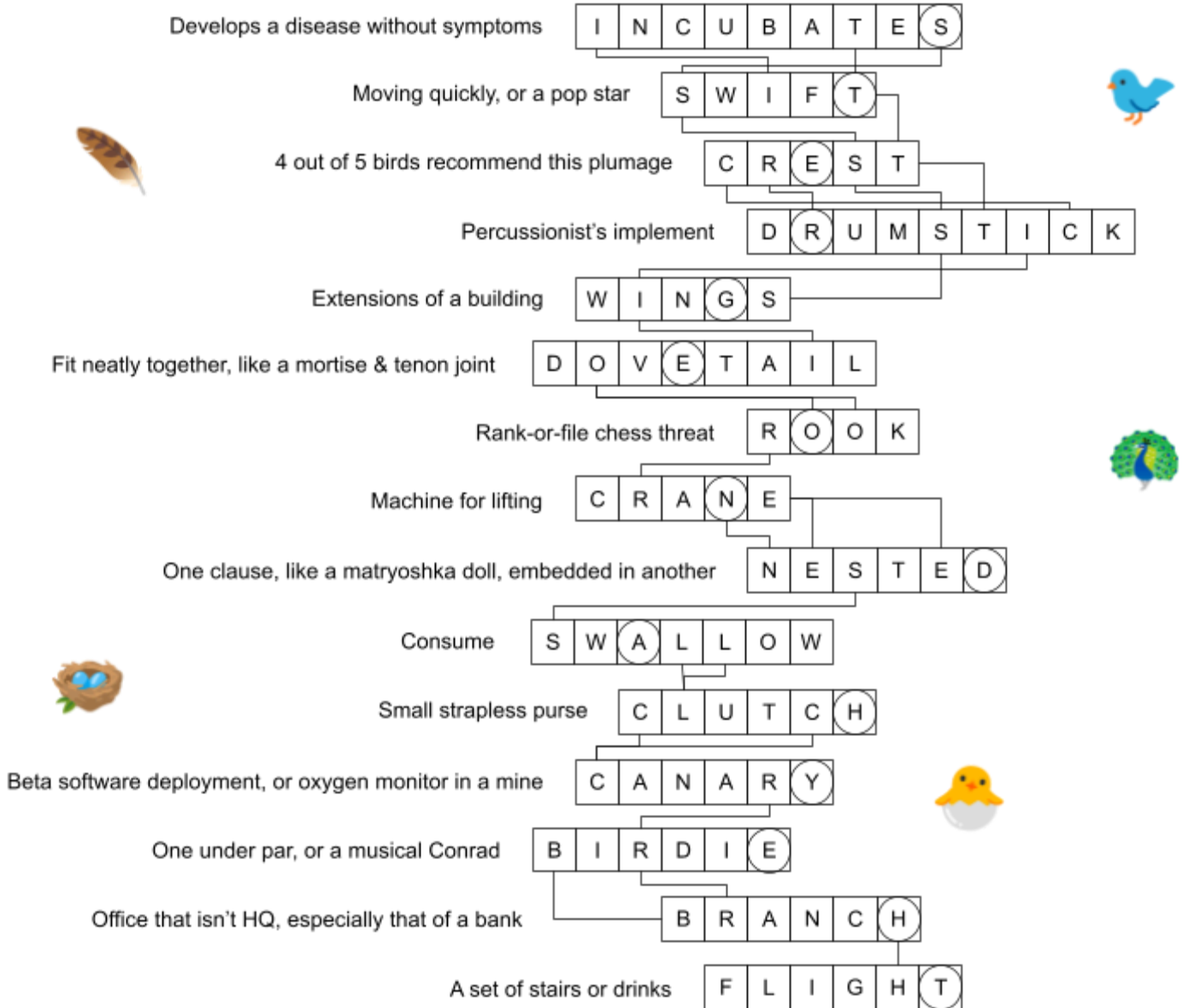
■ A RARE BIRD



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Sankofa Solution



Reading the circled letters backwards, the answer is:

THEY HAD NO EGRETS