



IF I WERE A BIRD ...

Answer the questions below to determine your bird personality!

1. Which school club would you most want to join?

- A. Running Club
- B. Swim Club
- C. Art Club
- D. Gardening Club
- E. Science Club

2. What is your favorite recess activity?

- A. A quick game of tag
- B. Playing on the jungle gym
- C. Chatting with friends
- D. Doing cartwheels in the grass
- E. Walking/roaming around the playground

3. How do you want to travel for your next vacation?

- A. I'd rather stay at home.
- B. Visit another part of the world.
- C. Fly to the other side of the country.
- D. Check out a fun city that is nearby.
- E. Take a road trip across the state.

4. It's Wacky Hat Day at school. Which hat would you choose?

- A. A cowboy hat
- B. A big, floppy sun hat
- C. A beanie
- D. A baseball cap
- E. No hat. I don't want to mess up my hair.

5. Your family has put you in charge of making dinner. What would be your favorite meal to make?

- A. A big, juicy steak
- B. A huge sushi plate
- C. The biggest salad ever
- D. A three-course meal
- E. Pie. What's better than dessert for dinner?

ANSWERS

MOSTLY As: Greater Roadrunner—Greater Roadrunners are desert-dwelling birds that can handle the heat. They live year-round in some of the driest areas of North America. Roadrunners are very speedy birds that can run at 15 miles per hour (24 kph). Their speed and agility allow them to catch fast prey, like lizards, insects, and even birds. They spend most of their time alone but will also hang out with their mate. In their range, roadrunners are common neighborhood birds. They can be found sunbathing in gardens and searching the lawn for insects to eat.

MOSTLY Bs: Osprey—Ospreys are hawklike birds that live near large bodies of water. In the fall, Ospreys will migrate from the northern portions of North America to the southern United States, Mexico, and South America. During this migration, they will gather in groups for a short period. Ospreys mostly only eat fish, and they are very skilled at catching fish straight out of the water.

MOSTLY Cs: Dark-eyed Junco—Dark-eyed Juncos are a common bird found in North America. They become especially common in the

United States during the winter. Dark-eyed Juncos can look different depending on where they are from. It's as if each region has its own artistic color palette. There are six different junco color combinations. Which junco variety is found where you live? Dark-eyed Juncos are found along trails in the woods but also in suburban streets. Large groups of juncos will forage for seeds and insects.

MOSTLY Ds: Eastern Bluebird—Eastern Bluebirds are small birds found in open fields on farms and in parks. Bluebirds are one of the first birds that migrate to North America in the spring. They winter in Mexico and the southeastern United States and then fly as far north as Canada to spend the spring and summer. However, bluebirds in southern portions of North America will not migrate. There are plenty of bugs for them to call one place home all year long. During the breeding season, it's not uncommon to see a family of bluebirds sitting together on a fence. They flit off the fence to catch an insect and return to their perch.

MOSTLY Es: Turkey Vulture—Turkey Vultures are large birds with huge wingspans. They can soar for hours high up in the sky riding on air currents, hardly flapping their wings. They wander across the skies while searching for food. Turkey Vultures only eat dead things and can smell a carcass from a mile away. Their red heads are featherless so the vultures can eat without getting their feathers dirty. Turkey Vultures used to only be found in southern North America but now they can be found in Canada during spring and summer. Come winter, Turkey Vultures will migrate south and spend the coldest part of the year in warmer regions of the continent.