



UNTAMED Watch-along Worksheet

Episode 8: Songbirds

While you watch, listen carefully and use what you learn to fill in the blanks. Answers appear during the video in the same order as these questions, so be sure to read ahead!

1. There are about 2,000 species of birds in North America, and roughly _____ of those are found in the United States.
2. A songbird's _____ are the defining physical characteristic that groups them together in taxonomic classification.
3. Around 60% of birds in the United States are songbirds, but very few species are migratory.

True -or- False

4. Many of the threats birds face in the wild are related to human activity, and one of the most serious is the loss of _____.
5. Contrary to popular belief, most birds don't have a very well-developed sense of _____.
6. The most-common species of songbird admitted to the Wildlife Center is the _____.
 - A) House Finch
 - B) American Robin
 - C) American Gold Finch
 - D) Carolina Wren
7. Juvenile songbirds are ready to be released when they can feed themselves, fly well, and have learned to avoid _____.
8. It's estimated that outdoor cats are responsible for the deaths of at least _____ billion songbirds each year in the United States alone.
9. Songbirds looking for prey can easily become stuck to _____ traps, resulting in serious wounds, damage to their feathers, and even broken bones.
10. Write one thing you can do to help songbirds in the wild:

Answer Key

1. There are about 2,000 species of birds in North America, and roughly **1,000** of those are found in the United States.
2. A songbird's **feet** are the defining physical characteristic that groups them together in taxonomic classification.
3. Around 60% of birds in the United States are songbirds, but very few species are migratory.

True -or- **False**

4. Many of the threats birds face in the wild are related to human activity, and one of the most serious is the loss of **habitat**.
5. Contrary to popular belief, most birds don't have a very well-developed sense of **smell**.
6. The most-common species of songbird admitted to the Wildlife Center is the _____.
 - A) House Finch
 - B) American Robin**
 - C) American Gold Finch
 - D) Carolina Wren
7. Juvenile songbirds are ready to be released when they can feed themselves, fly well, and have learned to avoid **humans**.
8. It's estimated that outdoor cats are responsible for the deaths of at least **1.4** billion songbirds each year in the United States alone.
9. Songbirds looking for prey can easily become stuck to **glue** traps, resulting in serious wounds, damage to their feathers, and even broken bones.
10. Write one thing you can do to help songbirds in the wild: Any variation of providing habitat for birds, keeping cats indoors, or learning about birds in the wild.