

Birds of the Bible

Matching Game

God loves birds! He created them on the fifth day, and there are nearly 300 scripture verses about them.

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds. They don't plant, harvest, or save food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. Don't you know you are worth much more than they are?

Many times, the various species of birds symbolize different things. Can you match the bird with the correct symbolic description?



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- Key:
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 - **Owl:** This solitary bird represents desolation. The Prophet Isaiah speaks of the desolation of the land due to God's punishment so that only this kind of bird would live there.
 - **Raven:** This elegant black bird symbolizes God's grace. One was sent to feed the prophet Elijah in the wilderness.
 - **Vulture:** Because this bird is a scavenger, it represents the enemy spirits who gather to collect the souls of those who are dead in sin. We see this in Jesus' discussion of the end of days in Matthew 24.
 - **Peacock:** Mentioned only three times in the Old Testament as having been brought from Tarshish as an exotic treasure, this bird has "eyes" all over its many feathered tail, just like the Cherubim and Seraphim.
 - **Ostrich:** This bird, known for burying its head in the sand, is mentioned in the Book of Job as being negligent to the point of stupidity. He says that it has wings but can not fly, and that it lays its eggs and abandons them without care.
 - **Sparrow:** Jesus talks about this sweet little bird to describe how even the littlest of us are immensely valuable to God!
 - **Rooster:** This bird crowed loudly three times as a signal to Peter that the Lord knew of his betrayal.