

Ornithology Test Answer Key
(each question is worth 1 point)

Station 1

1. Wood Thrush
2. weasel-colored woodland thrush
3. 10 years, 2 months
4. Eggs are turquoise-green in color, no markings.
5. Near threatened, decreasing
6. East

Station 2

1. Scarlet Tanager
2. Female, the males in the species are scarlet, the females are an olive yellow.
3. 12-14 days
4. true
5. night
6. a: insects

Station 3

1. Chipping Sparrow
2. Passeriformes
3. 2-7 eggs
4. one-twelfth of an ounce
5. energetic, straight, and slightly undulating.
6. false
7. Females, males guard when females build

Station 4

1. Green-winged Teal
2. American
3. Eurasian subspecies have a horizontal white stripe on its side, as opposed to the vertical stripe on American birds.
4. 20.5-23.2 in (52-59 cm)
5. true
6. They don't migrate.

Station 5

1. Marsh Wren
2. Eastern birds are rustier and have brighter colors.
3. Eastern
4. c. invertebrate
5. 1-2 broods
6. Brown with dark spots

Station 6

- A. Black-crowned Night-heron, *Ardeidae*
- B. European Starling, *Sturnidae*

- C. Ring-billed Gull, *Laridae*
- D. American Coot, *Rallidae*
- E. Common Raven, *Corvidae*
- F. Mallard, *Anatidae*

Station 7

1. J
2. G
3. F
4. E
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. I
9. D
10. H

Station 8

1. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
2. Least concern
3. Bare and blind at birth with pink skin and a gray bill; eyes open at 8 days.
4. Juvenile, the red crown is not developed
5. September to early October (accept either or both.)
6. 6-7 years

Station 9

1. Crested Caracara
2. 48.0-49.2 in (122-125 cm)
3. true
4. false
5. Any 5 of the following are correct: carrion, insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals
6. They do not migrate.
7. They gather materials to construct their own nest.

Station 10

1. White Breasted Nuthatch
2. *Sitta carolinensis*
3. forests
4. 13-14 days
5. females
6. In natural tree cavities or woodpecker holes.
7. length: 0.7-0.8 in (1.8-2 cm)
width: 0.6 in (1.5 cm)

Station 11

1. Common Yellowthroat
2. male

- The main difference between the two is the black eye mask males have and females lack. The females also have more yellow on their neck, while males have olive undertail coverts.
- laying one's egg in another individual's nest
- yes, They abandon the parasitized nest. They would build two or three new nests on top of the old one.
- mostly white with markings of gray, lilac, reddish-brown, or black.

Station 12

- Common Grackle
- omnivores
- 1-6 weeks
- females, males sometimes build or repair
- 1-7 eggs
- southeast

Station 13

- Northern Mockingbird
- Mimus polyglottos*
- both
- true
- insects
- fruit
- The males construct the twig foundation while the females make most of the lining.

Station 14

- Columba livia*
- 1-6 broods
- males
- 2.4 years
- 6 years, 2 weeks
- resident
- There are 3 others, a white, red, and blackish.

Station 15

- Black-billed Magpie
- 22.1-24.0 in (56-61 cm)
- true
- about 40 days
- northwest USA and southwest Canada
- One magpie discovers a dead magpie. It calls loudly to attract other magpies.

Many birds arrive and call for about 10-15 minutes until they all leave.

Station 16

- Lark Sparrow
- a, d
- 11.0 in (28 cm)
- 3-6 eggs
- Courting males put on a dance lasting about 5 minutes, The males hop around, then spread his tail and droop his wings so that they nearly touch the ground.

Station 17

- bend of the wing
- lesser coverts
- median coverts
- greater secondary coverts
- tertials
- secondaries
- primaries
- primary coverts
- carpal edge
- alula

Station 18

- Northern Shoveler
- North America, Europe, Asia, Africa
- monogamous
- The shape of a shovel; 2.5 in (6.35 cm)
- Least concern, stable

Station 19

- Loggerhead Shrike
- false
- individually
- true
- Look for places with thorny vegetation to keep predators away. Average height of a nest is 2.5-4 feet.
- Birds from San Clemente Island are the darkest from all subspecies of Loggerhead Shrikes.

Station 20

- Tufted Puffin
- 5-20
- Oceans; west coast of US and Canada
- Covered in down, can walk but stays in nest.
- 18.3-35.3 oz (520-1000 g)
- Immatures resemble nonbreeding adults, dusky eyes instead of yellow.