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# INTRODUCTION.

I was born in September, 1920.  
I am eleven years old. My  
name is Cecile Sandboe. I  
am very interested in birds,  
So I am going to make  
a book about Western  
Birds. There are many birds  
in Alberta. Some of the  
birds are very pretty.  
I am trying my best to  
make a nice book but  
I don't think I am doing  
very well.

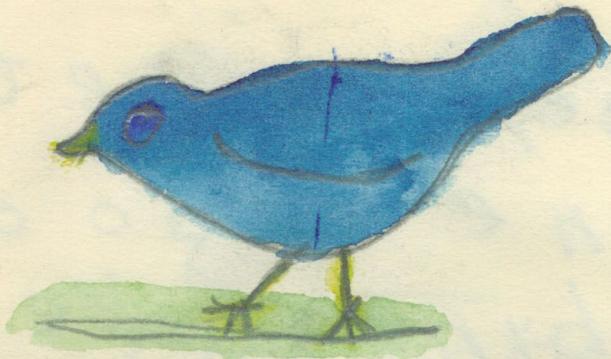
By Cecile Sandboe.



## THE Robin.

A Robin is one of the first birds in the spring. HE sits on a fence-post in the spring singing his song of CHEER UP, CHEER UP. The male robin sings but the fe-male does not sing. The male robin is brown with a black head. He has a red breast. The fe-male is greyish ash color with a grey head. She has a orange breast. Their nest is made of mud, grass and horse-hair. They have two holes in their

nest. They use one to come in and one to go out of. The robins take turns sitting on the eggs. They have four or five eggs. They build their nest in old trees or in old buildings. They like to live near people. They are very nice birds. They are about seven inches long and about five inches high.



## THE BLUE-BIRD.

Color- The blue-bind is all blue. They have a yellow bill. Their female is darker than the male. Food- They eat worms and insects. Nest- They build their nest in old buildings. They make their nest out of sticks, straw and mud. The male blue-bind comes first to look for a place to build their nest.

Size- The blue-bind is a little bigger than a canary. They have three or four eggs in their nest. Their eggs are blue.



## ENGLISH SPARROW.

Color - The sparrow has a brown back with a greyish breast. They have a black head and red spot at the top of their head. They have some red on their wings. Food - They eat insects and grain. Nest - They build their nest in buildings near human beings. They make their nest out of mud, horse hairs, straw and grass. They have about six eggs. Their eggs are white with brown spots on them. Size - The sparrow is about as big as the wren. They look very much the same. They are both very nice birds. There are many kinds of sparrows.



## THE WOODPECKER.

Color - The wood-pecker is spotted with black. He has a red spot at the top of his head. Food - They eat worms. Nest - They make a hole in a tree and puts saw-dust inside it. Size - They are a little bigger than the robin. You can hear them pecking at some tree or something. When they are pecking, it sounds just like a hammer. They have four or five eggs. The eggs are white with brown spots in them. They are very nice birds. The wood-pecker does not sing.



### Red Winged Blackbird.

Color - The blackbird is black with some red on their wings. There is the common black-bird too. He is all black.

Nest - They build their nest out of mud, grass and sticks.

Eggs - They have four or five eggs. The eggs are glossy white.

Size - The blackbird is a little bigger than a sparrow.

Food - The blackbird eats grain, insects and worms.



## THE MEADOW-LARK.

Color - The meadow-lark has a yellow breast with black spots on it. It has a brown back with black spots on it. It has a brown tail too. He has a patch of black on his breast. He has a brown head with a little black spot at the top of it. He has a yellow bill. His feet are brown.

Nest - They build their nests in the grass. They have four or five eggs. Their eggs are a pale blue color.

Song - The meadow-lark whistles. The male sings but the female does not sing.

Size - They are as big as a robin.



## THE CANARY.

Color - The canary is yellow with some black on his head. He has black wings with yellow spots on them.

Nest - Their nest is made of grass, horse-hair and mud.

Eggs - Their eggs are white, brown.

Food - Their food is worms and insects.

Size - The canary is as big as the blue-bird.

The canary is kept in cages in the house.

Song - The canary whistles.



## THE WREN.

Color- The wren is a reddish color with black stripes on his tail.

Nest- They build their nest near buildings. They make their nest out of sticks, straw, horse-hair and mud.

Eggs- Their eggs are

Food- Their food consists of insects and worms.

Size- The wren is as big as the when.



## THE GRASSBIRD.

Color- A Grassbird is dark brown with a light brown breast.

Nest- They make their nest in the grass. They make their nest out of grass, horse-hair, some feathers and a little bit of mud.

Eggs- Their eggs are white and brown.

Food- They eat worms, insects and grass.

Size- They are about as big as a robin.



## THE BARN SWALLOW.

Color- THE BARN SWALLOW IS purple with some red on his breast.

Nest- They build their nest in the barn. They build their nest out of straw mud and horsehair.

Eggs- Their eggs are.

Food- They eat worms and insects.

SIZE- They are about as big as a robin.



## THE KING BIRD.

Color- The King bird is black with a grey breast it has some red on his head.

Nest- They make their nest in trees. They make their nest out of mud, grass and feathers.

Eggs- Their eggs are.

Food- They eat worms and insects.

Size- They are as big as a black bind.



## THE FLICKER.

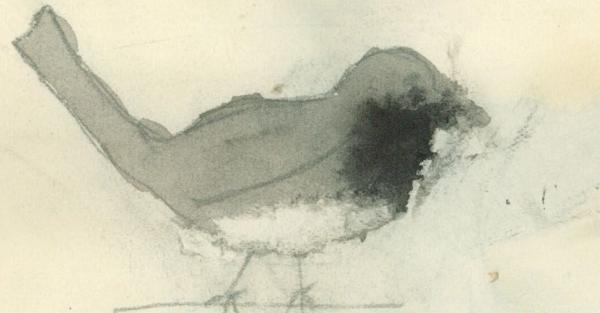
Color - The flicker is grey with brown spots on his breast.

Nest - The flicker has their nest in a hole in a tree. Their nest is made like the woodpecker's nest.

Eggs - Their eggs are

Food - They eat the bugs in the trees and they eat insects.

Size - They are as big as a woodpecker.



## THE CHICK-A-DEE

Color - The chick-a-dee is grey with a grey breast. It has a black spot on his throat.

Nest - They make their nest out of sticks, straw and mud.

Eggs - Their eggs are white, spotted with reddish brown.

Food - They eat worms and insects.

Size - They are as big as the sparrow.



### The Cowbird.

Color - The cowbird is black with a brown head. The female is grey with a brown head.

Nest - The cowbird makes his nest out of mud, sticks and straw.

Eggs - They lay four or five eggs. They don't hatch them themselves. They put one egg in another's nest and let the other bird hatch them.

Food - They eat grain, insects and worms.

Size - They are about as big as a grassbird.



### The Blue JAY.

Color - THE Blue JAY has some blue on his head. He has some grey on his back. He has some blue on his wing. His tail is grey and blue.

Nest - The bluejay builds his nest out of grass, mud and feathers.

Eggs - Their eggs are light blue.

Food - They eat worms and insects.

Size - They are about as big as a crow.



### The CROW.

Color- The crow is black.

Nest- The crow has its nest in a high tree. They make their nest out of straw, sticks and mud.

Eggs- They lay from five to six eggs. Their eggs are white spotted with brown.

Food- They eat grain, insects and worms.

Size- They are as big as the blue-jay.

Song- Caw, Caw.



### The HAWK.

Color- The hawk is brown with a white breast.

Nest- Their nest is made of straw, mud & sticks.

Eggs- Their eggs are...

Food- They eat smaller birds and also eats chickens.

Size- The hawk is a little bit bigger than a crow.



### THE OWL.

Color- The owl is light brown with dark brown spots. It has a blue bill and yellow eyes.

Nest- The owl makes its nest out of sticks, horsehair, feathers and mud. They have a big nest.

Eggs- They lay from four to six eggs. The eggs are

Food- The owl takes some of the smaller birds and takes small chicks.

Size- It is as big as a hawk.

Song- Its song is hoo-hoo-hoo.



### THE PRAIRIE CHICKEN.

Color- The Prairie chicken is grey with a lighter grey breast.

Nest- It builds its nest in the grass out of grass, mud and sticks.

Eggs- It lays from four to five eggs. These eggs are white with brown spots.

Food- They eat

Size- The Prairie Chicken is nearly as big as the crow.

Song-



## THE PARTRIDGE.

Color- The Partridge is brown with a light brown tail with dark spots on it.

Nest- The Partridge makes his nest out of grass, sticks and mud. They make it in the grass.

Eggs- They lay from five to six eggs. Their eggs are

Food- They eat the same as the Prairie Chicken.

Size- They are nearly as big as the Prairie chicken.



## THE DUCK.

Color- The duck is light brown. They have an orange beak.

Nest- They make their nest in the tall grasses. They make their nest out of mud, grass and feathers.

Eggs- They lay from five to six eggs. Their eggs are white with brown spots.

Food- The ducks eat insects and other things.

Size- They are as big as the goose.

Song- quack, quack.



### The WILD GOOSE.

Color - The goose is white.

Nest - It is made of grass, mud and feathers.

Eggs - Their eggs are

Food - They eat the same as the duck.

Size - They are bigger than a Prairie Chicken.



### THE SWAN.

Color - The swan is white with a black beak.

Nest - They make their nest out of

Eggs - Their eggs are

Food - The swan eats

Size - The swan is a little bigger than a duck.



### THE SNIPE.

Color - The snipe is black.

Nest - They make their nest out of

Eggs - Their eggs are.

Food - They eat worms and insects.

Size - They are as big as a  
hobbit.

Song - Cheap, cheap.