

THE  
ILLUSTRATED  
ALPHABET OF BIRDS



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A a

## THE AUK

A is an Auk,  
Of the  
Artic sea,  
He lives on  
the ice,  
Where the  
winds blow  
free.



**B b**

**THE BLUE  
BIRD.**

B is a Blue  
Bird.

In early  
spring,  
How sweet  
his songs  
Through  
the forest  
ring.



C c

THE  
CONDOR.

C is a  
Condor,  
On the  
Andes'  
height,  
He plumes  
his wings  
For a lofty  
flight.



D d

THE  
DUCK.

D is a Duck.  
Of the  
canvas back  
sort,  
To shoot at  
a flock  
Is  
considered  
fine sport.



E e

THE BALD  
EAGLE.

E's a Bald  
Eagle,  
So bold  
and so free;  
On the flag  
of our  
country  
He spans  
land and sea.



F f



THE FISH  
HAWK.

F is a Fish  
Hawk,  
Who lives  
on the shore:  
He catches  
his prey  
Mid the  
ocean's roar.



G g

THE  
GOOSE.

G is a  
Goose;  
His  
feathers we  
take  
And put  
them in  
sacking  
Our beds to  
make.





H h

THE  
HUMMING  
BIRD.

H is a  
Humming  
Bird,

Sporting mid  
flowers  
And brightly  
enjoying  
The sunny  
hours.

I i

THE IBIS.

I is an Ibis,  
Who  
wanders in  
bogs,  
And lives  
upon  
lizards,  
And fishes  
and frogs.



J j



THE JAY.

J is a Jay,  
With his  
blue and  
white coat,  
With a crest  
on his head,  
And a ring  
round his  
throat.

K k

THE KING  
BIRD.

K is a King  
Bird,  
Pugnacious  
and bold:  
A hero in  
fight,  
And a  
terrible  
scold.



L 1

THE  
LARK.

L is a Lark,  
A sociable  
bird;  
His song in  
the meadow  
Is  
frequently  
heard.



M m

THE  
MAGPIE.

M is a  
Magpie,  
He lives at  
the west,  
Steals and  
scolds and  
eats carrion;  
He's none of  
the best.





N n  
THE NIGHT  
HERON.

N is a Night  
Heron,  
Of fishes  
quite fond;  
He looks for  
them now,  
As he  
stands by the  
pond.



O o

## THE OWL.

O is an Owl,  
Who hides  
through the  
day;  
And comes  
out at night,  
To seek for  
his prey.





THE PIGEON

P p

THE  
PIGEON.

P is a Pigeon  
So rapid in  
flight,  
That before  
you can shoot  
him

He's gone  
out of sight.

Q q

THE  
QUAIL.

Q is a Quail,  
Who hides  
in a tree,  
And  
whistles  
"Bob-  
White"  
With lively  
glee.



R r

THE ROBIN.

R is the  
Robin,  
So kind and  
so good,  
Who covered  
with leaves,  
The poor  
babes in the  
wood.

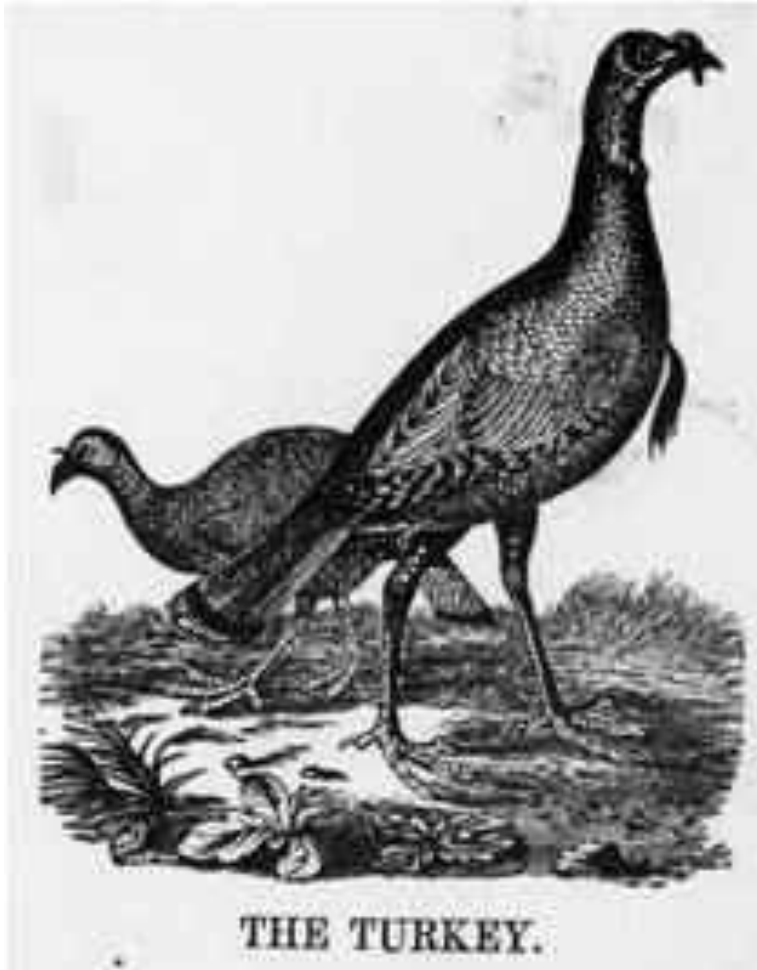


S s

THE  
SWALLOW.

S is the  
Swallow,  
She darts  
through the  
air  
To catch  
little insects,  
Her favorite  
fare.





T t  
THE  
TURKEY.

T is a  
Turkey,  
A fine  
dashing  
beau,  
By his  
fuming and  
strutting,  
His pride  
you may  
know.

U u

THE  
UPUPA.

U's the  
Upupa,  
Or  
Hoopoe. His  
crest  
He can raise  
or lower,  
As suits  
him best.





V v

THE  
VULTURE.

V is a  
Vulture,  
Who feeds  
on the dead,  
When the  
dark battle-  
field,  
With  
corpses is  
spread.



W w

THE  
WOODPECKER

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W's a  
Woodpecker,  
Who with his  
long bill,  
Bores holes in a  
tree  
And of worms  
eats his fill.



X x



THE  
XANTHORONU  
S.

X is Xanthoronus,  
Or Baltimore  
Bird.

Oft in our  
orchards,  
His music is  
heard.

Y y

THE  
YELLOW  
BIRD.

Y is a  
Yellow  
Bird,  
With  
feathers so  
bright,  
Who sings  
all the day,  
And  
sleeps all  
the night.



Z z

THE  
LETTER Z,  
OR  
ROOST.

Z stands for  
none  
of the  
feathered  
race.

It must serve  
as a roost,  
Or lose the  
last place.

