



What's that bird???

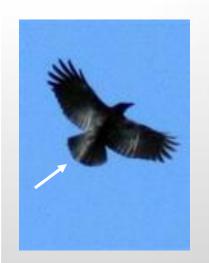




Geez, how many of those 'birders' does it take to identify a robin??











Crow and Raven





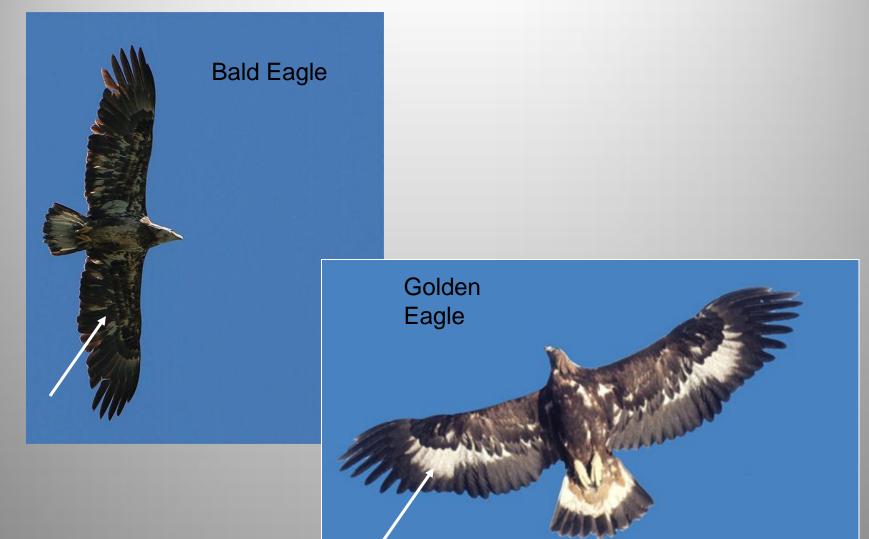






Magpie and Steller's jay

Eagles – how to distinguish youngsters





Adult Bald Eagles are easy!





Messy looking eagles with splotchy color patterns are immature Bald Eagles.

Golden Eagle ID Points

--golden head can appear very light

--immature has crisp symmetrical white markings





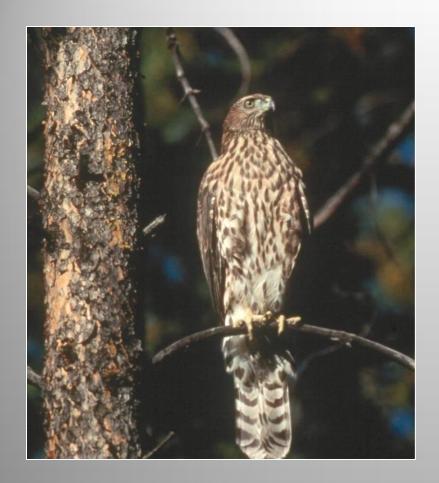






Sharp-shinned hawk

Immature accipiters



Above: Northern goshawk

R: Cooper's hawk

Both brownish, streaked in the

Breast. Young sharp-shinned display similar color.



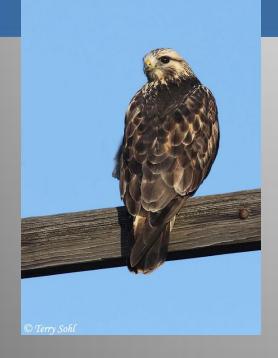


To distinguish among these raptors it helps to get a good close look!

Rough-legged Hawk





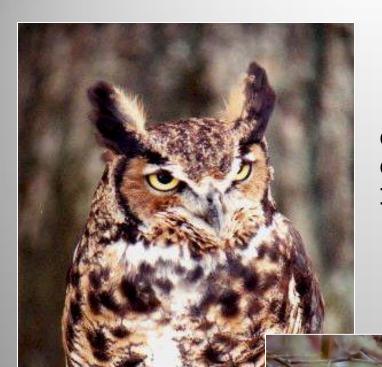






Wake up, here comes the best part!

LARGE WINTER OWLS



Great horned Great gray Long-eared





SMALL WINTER OWLS

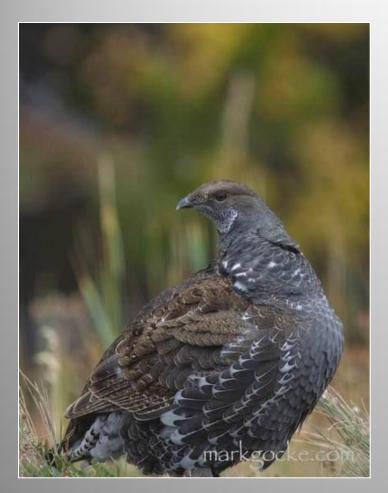




Boreal owl (L)

Northern pigmy owl (R)



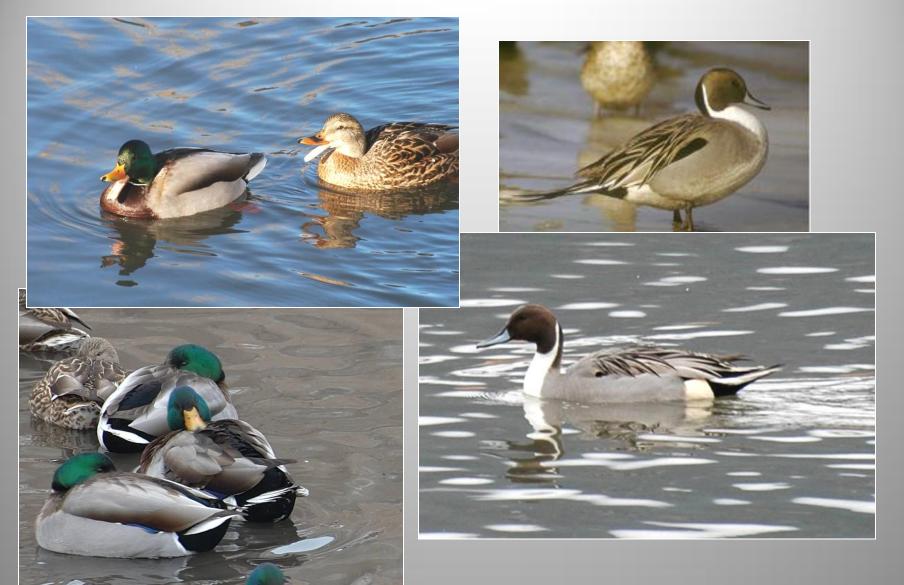




Ruffed grouse (R) and Dusky (blue) grouse (L)



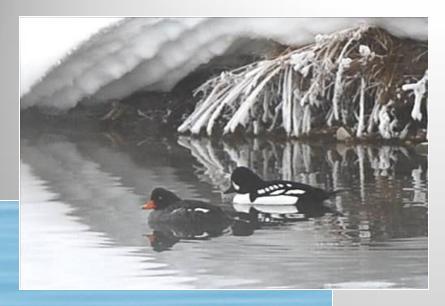
Sage grouse



Mallards and pintails



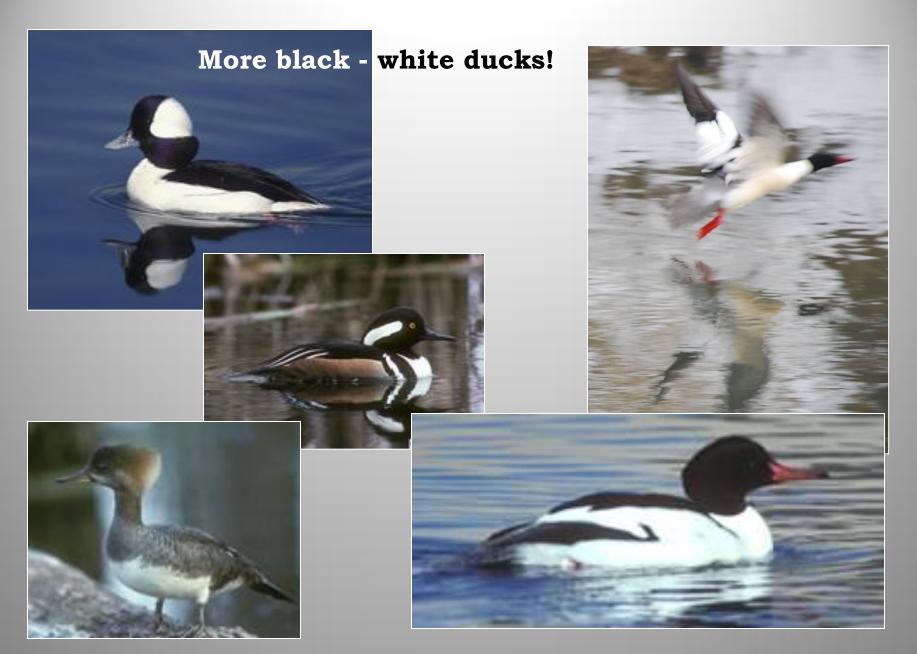




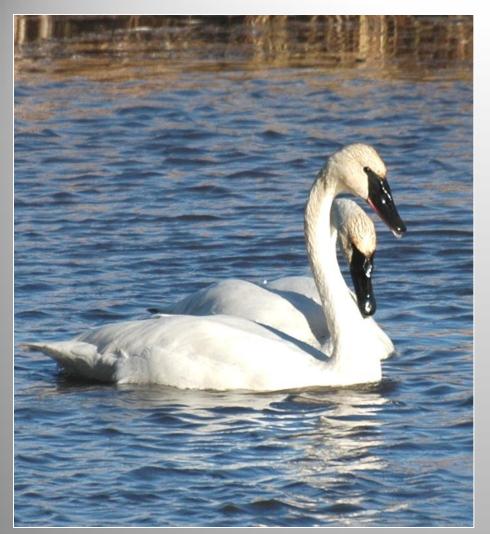


Black-white ducks...
Barrow's goldeneye
Common goldeneye
Ring-necked duck



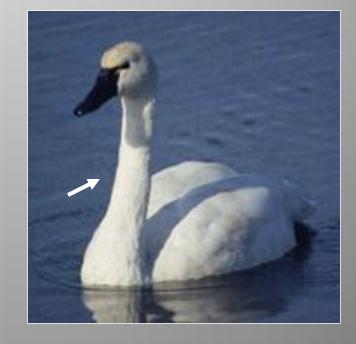


Bufflehead, hooded merganser, common merganser





Trumpeter swan above Tundra swan lower right





Eurasian collared dove







Right: American tree sparrow

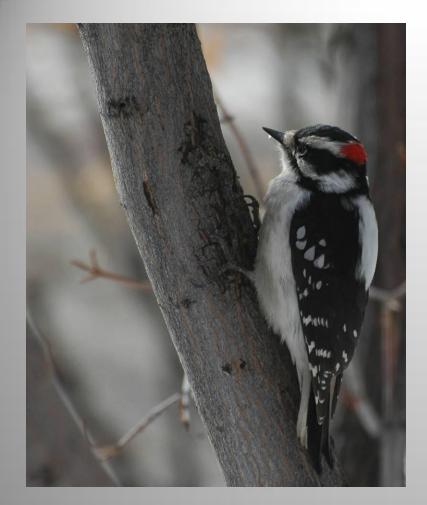
Left: House sparrow - female (top), non-breeding male (lower left)







Northern flicker





Downy woodpecker on the left and a Hairy woodpecker on the right. Take note of the size of the bill to the size of the head.



Females
Based on bill, which is the Downy
And which is the Hairy?





White-breasted nuthatch (top) Red-breasted nuthatch (right)





Black-capped chickadee (top)
And Mountain chickadee (right)





The red finches!
House finch (top)
and Cassin's finch (right)





And more! Pine grosbeak Common redpoll (females at top)





Pine siskin and American goldfinch









White-winged



Evening grosbeak



Gray-crowned (L) and Black rosy finch (R)

Dark-eyed junco morphs-lots of variation







Oops – who's this?



Winter thrushes: Townsend's solitaire American robin



Seen in 2009: Varied thrush





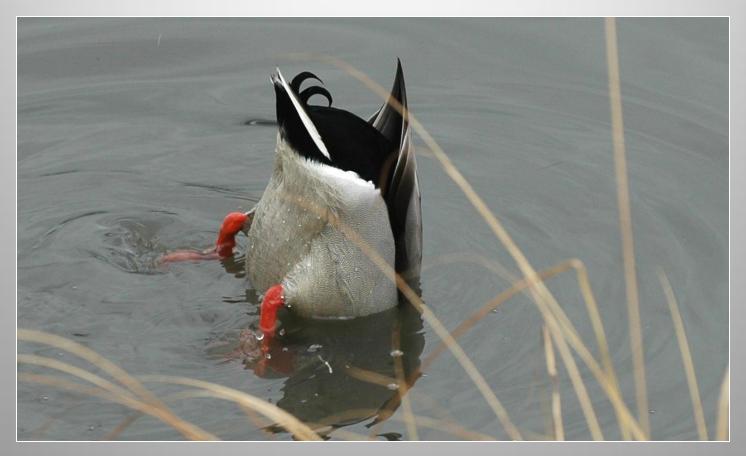


Bohemian and Cedar waxwing





The end



Good resources! allaboutbirds.org (Cornell ornithology lab) audubon.org What do you think—shall we give them a quiz?

Oh I'm sure they will pass with 'flying' colors!!



Barn owl photos captured from web cam, San Marcos CA