

Flying symbols of the USA

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Уважаемые любители английского языка!

Птица-символ США — белоголовый орлан. Но кроме этого, у каждого штата - свой крылатый символ.

Вам предлагаются короткие тексты с изображением и описанием национальных птиц-символов Соединенных Штатов Америки.

Чтобы узнать о той или иной птице, нужно кликнуть по изображению представленной птицы.

В презентации представлены птицы-символы девяти штатов, начиная от Луизианы до Монтаны.

Это – третья девятка штатов по алфавитному списку.

Совершенствуйте свои лингвистические знания и расширяйте общий кругозор!





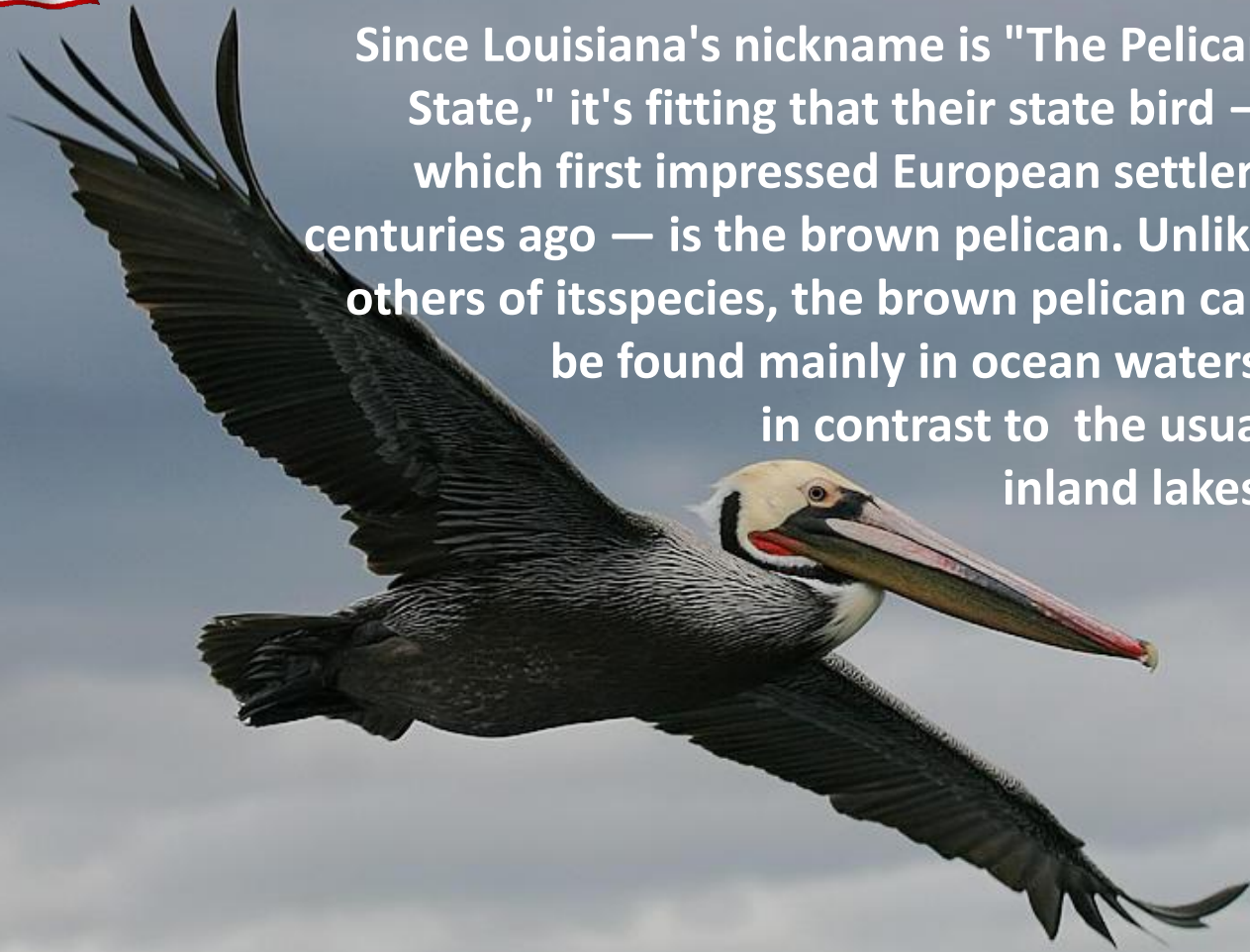
*“In order to
see birds, it is
necessary to
become a part
of the
silence.”*

-Robert Lynd

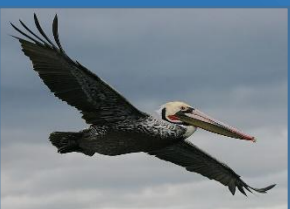




Since Louisiana's nickname is "The Pelican State," it's fitting that their state bird — which first impressed European settlers centuries ago — is the brown pelican. Unlike others of its species, the brown pelican can be found mainly in ocean waters, in contrast to the usual inland lakes.



*“Birds learn how to fly, never knowing where the flight will take them.”
-Mark Nepo*





What sets the black-capped chickadee apart is its unique call, which can be heard year-round in the northern US and Canada. But this agile, black-and-white-toned chickadee is only the official state bird of two states: Maine and Massachusetts.



“No bird can fly without opening its wings.”





The name of this state bird might sound familiar, and that's because Baltimore fancied their native bird so much they named their major league baseball Team The Baltimore Orioles.

Maryland's beloved state bird has even been compared to their state flag, which features a yellow and black color scheme similar to the oriole's plumage.



“A bird never wants a cage.”



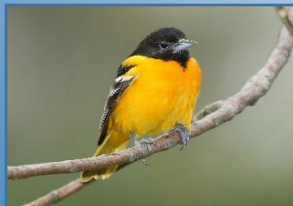


The other state in the US to have the black-capped chickadee as its official bird, Massachusetts boasts forests and suburban areas, which are where these birds thrive. The black-capped chickadee is known to "cache" its food, hiding berries and insects in small coves in trees, only to retrieve (and eat) them later.



“It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds.”

-Aesop



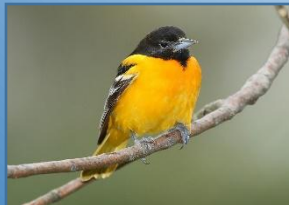


American robins are a popular "backyard bird," and their ubiquity in the backyards of Michigan led them to be voted as the state's official bird in 1931.

American robins are also known for their "rich" songs and calls.

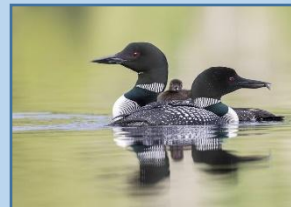


“The bird who dares to fall is the bird who learns to fly.”



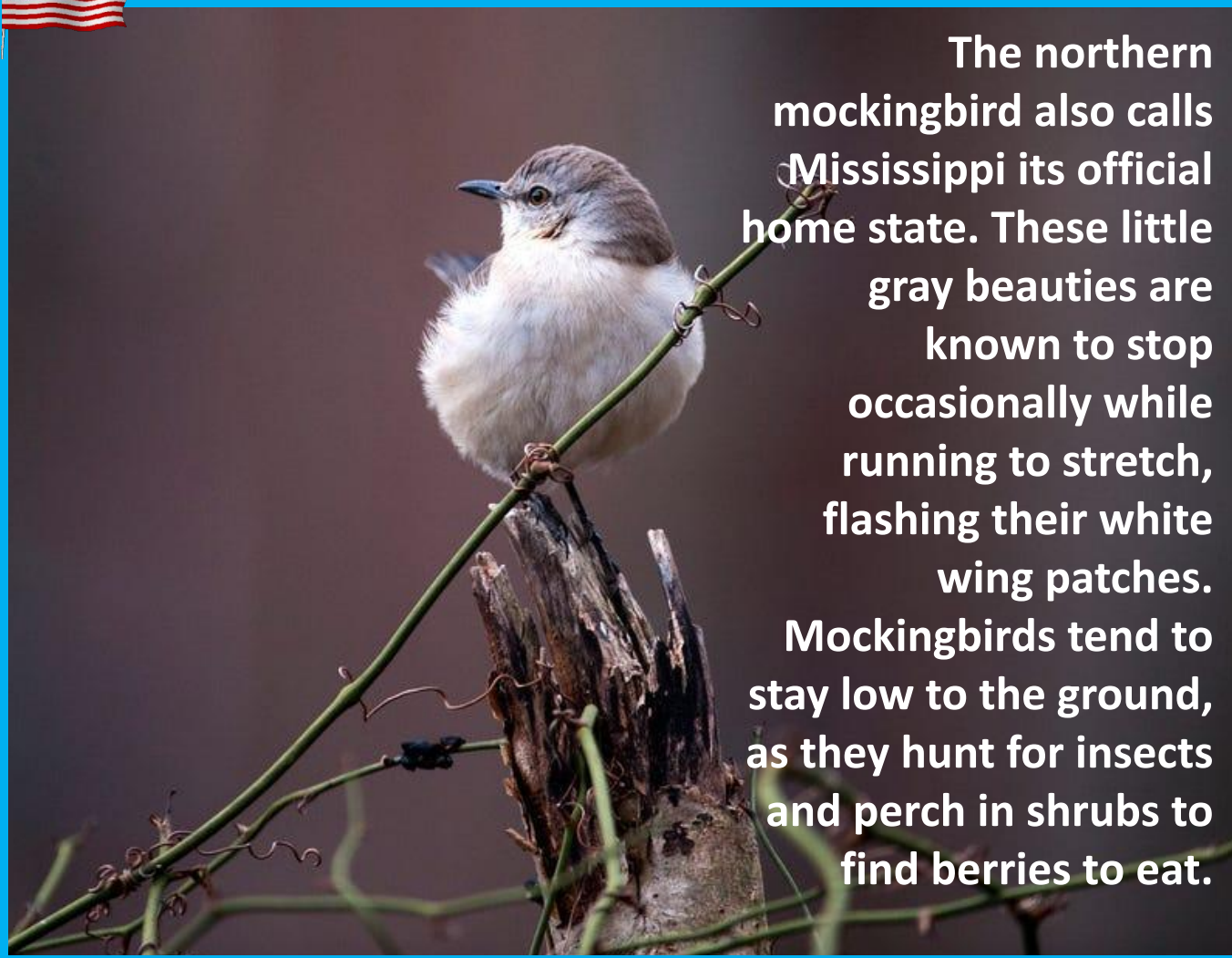


The common loon (technical name "Gavia immer") is the unusual, red-eyed bird that can be found swimming in the northern lakes of Minnesota during the summer. They have wingspans that can stretch up to five feet, and are also known for their incredible diving skills.



“Birds teach a great life lesson. All you have to do is listen to their song.”





The northern mockingbird also calls Mississippi its official home state. These little gray beauties are known to stop occasionally while running to stretch, flashing their white wing patches. Mockingbirds tend to stay low to the ground, as they hunt for insects and perch in shrubs to find berries to eat.



“The bird is powered by its own life and by its motivation.”

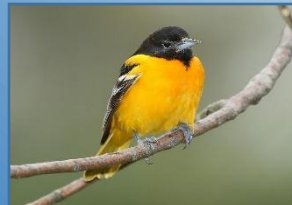




Also the state bird of New York, the eastern bluebird thrives in open spaces and vast areas of land, like orchards or parks. The eastern bluebird is in danger, however, and mostly found these days nesting in birdhouses put up especially for them, or on "bluebird trails."



“Even the birds are chained to the sky.”





It's hard to tell Montana's state bird, the western meadowlark, apart from the eastern meadowlark because their plumage is virtually the same — they only differ in terms of calls and sounds. Montana's meadowlark is actually "rivals" with the eastern meadowlark, and the two birds actively defend their territories against each other.



“Birds sing even after the storm.”



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