



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Cardinals and Other Songbirds

How does a cardinal make its music? When does a cardinal lay her eggs? Which songbird is named for an island? Read *Cardinals and Other Songbirds* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. Cardinals do not live in ...

- a. Canada
- b. The United States
- c. Mexico
- d. England

2. A cardinal's favorite food is ...

- a. Sunflower seeds
- b. Insects
- c. Mice
- d. Leaves

3. Wood warbler's live in ...

- a. Europe
- b. Asia
- c. North America
- d. Africa

4. The canary is named for the ...

- a. Canary Desert
- b. Canary Forest
- c. Canary Islands
- d. Canary Mountains

5. What type of bird is this?



6. What type of bird is this?



TRUE OR FALSE?

_____ 1. There are about 9,700 species of birds.

_____ 2. A male cardinal sings only to attract potential mates.

_____ 3. A cardinal's nest is usually about 4 to 5 feet above the ground.

_____ 4. European robins usually grow about 7 inches long.

_____ 5. Chickadees like to hang upside down on tree branches.

_____ 6. The horned lark lives in North America.

ANSWERS

- 1. d. England.** According to section "Where in the World Do Songbirds Live?" on page 8, we know that "Today, cardinals can be found almost all over the eastern, central, and southwestern United States. They also live as far south as Central America and as far north as Canada." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. Sunflower seeds.** According to section "What Is a Cardinal's Favorite Meal?" on page 18, we know that "As adults, cardinals mainly eat seeds, fruits, and grain. But a cardinal's favorite food is sunflower seeds." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. c. North America.** According to section "What Is a Warbler?" on page 30, we know that "Wood warblers live in North America and South America." So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. c. Canary Islands.** According to section "Which Songbird Is Named for an Island?" on page 44, we know that "The canary is named for the Canary Islands, off the northwest coast of Africa." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 37, this photo shows a European robin.
- 6.** According to page 51, this photo shows a chickadee.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Is a Songbird?" on page 6, we know that "There are about 9,700 species, or kinds, of birds." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "Why Does a Cardinal Sing?" on page 12, we know that "A male cardinal sings for two main reasons. He sings as a warning to other males ... He also sings to 'advertise' that he is looking for a mate." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "How Does a Cardinal Build a Nest?" on page 20, we know that "Usually the nest is about 4 to 5 feet (1.2 to 1.5 meters) above the ground." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "Which Songbird Makes People Think of Christmas?" on page 36, we know that "European robins live in Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia and grow about 5 inches (13 centimeters) long." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "How Did Chickadees Get Their Name?" on page 50, we know that "Chickadees are quite acrobatic. They like to hang upside down on tree branches and bird feeders." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section "When Is a 'Lark' Not a Lark?" on page 54, we know that "Only one species, the horned lark, lives in North America." So, the correct answer is True.