

Ornithology - Day 10

1. The specialized camouflage some aquatic predators have, with light colored underbellies and dark backs, is called _____.

2. Which of the following flight adaptations is a detriment to the puffin's ability to swim?

- A) the keeled sternum
- B) the pygostyle
- C) the sleek contour feathers
- D) the lightweight skeleton

3. Which group of birds developed bones with thicker walls to improve swimming ability and completely abandoned flight? _____

4. What is the function of a pelican's gular pouch?

- A) storing food
- B) scooping fish underwater
- C) holding shark repellent
- D) transporting their young

5. What is a loon's foot type?

- A) palmate
- B) totipalmate
- C) lobate
- D) raptorial

6. What birds are included in the order accipitriformes?

7. What sense, other than sight, do vultures use to find carrion?

- A) hearing
- B) smell
- C) echolocation
- D) balance

8. What are woodpeckers typically looking to find?

- A) boring insects
- B) water reserves
- C) budding fruit
- D) edible sawdust

9. Seriemas have a special adaptation that is similar to that of some non-avian dinosaurs.

- A) an enlarged foot claw like deinonychosaurs.
- B) an arctometatarsus like tyrannosaurs.
- C) a bony head crest like oviraptorosaurs
- D) an elongated finger like scansoriopterygians

10. What function does the black 'falcon tear' under the eyes of falcons serve?

11. Passeriformes are better known as _____.

12. On which continent are the dominant large land animals still 'dinosaurs?'

- A) Australia
- B) Africa
- C) South America
- D) Antarctica

Answers

1. countershading
2. D
3. penguins
4. B
5. A
6. hawks, eagles, some vultures
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. to reduce glare from the sun
11. songbirds
12. D