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Clay Coloured Sparrow



American Crow



Red-Tailed Hawk



Food Source



White-Throated Sparrow



Savannah Sparrow



American Robin



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<p>Nesting Habitat</p> <p>None of the birds on this Quest actually nest on the ground. Grasslands birds need wide open prairie and not hourly visits from neighbourhood dogs to successfully raise their chicks. They also require large volumes of insects to feed their young.</p>	<p>Clay Coloured Sparrow</p> <p>This photo is a sparrow but not a clay coloured sparrow. You are more likely to hear a clay coloured sparrow than see one. They prefer staying safe in shrubs, but if you can identify a house sparrow you know the size and body shape of a clay coloured sparrow too. Clay coloured sparrows don't chirp like most birds, they make an insect like 'buzzzzz'</p>	<p>American Crow</p> <p>In winter in Saskatoon we see Ravens but in spring most Ravens migrate north and Crows appear. Although they look similar Crows are smaller.</p>
<p>You may recognize hawks perched or soaring. They eat insects, snakes, smaller birds and rodents. Can you find out where Red-Tailed Hawks migrate to in winter?</p> <p>Red-Tailed Hawk</p>	<p>There are many food sources in the Grasslands for birds: insects, grass seeds, berries and fruit, and rodents. Birds can also access birder feeders in the surrounding yards, and conifer cones at the nearby Forestry Farm. Sometimes Mallard Ducks are found in the Grasslands, what do you think they eat?</p> <p>Food Source</p>	<p>This sparrow has a white throat patch. You will hear it sing Oh Canada, Canada, Canada. They feed on buds, seeds, berries and insects.</p> <p>White-Throated Sparrow</p>
<p>This is a common prairie sparrow. some birders describe its song as: 'tsi tsip tsip tse-toweeeeeee-yoo' with a trill and dropped pitch for the final 'yoo'. Other birders believe it says its name 'say-say-say-savannn-ah.</p> <p>Savannah Sparrow</p>	<p>Robins prefer to nest in trees and lay blue-ish speckled eggs, Males loudly sing 'Cheer-i-o.'</p> <p>American Robin</p>	<p>Nest materials include grass, branches, animal fur, feathers.</p> <p>Nest Materials</p>