
A BIRD NAME QUIZ

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Are the following waterfowl on your life list?

Winter Noiselet	Pointed Duck
Little White Oxhead	Red-footed Duck
Shielded Spoon	

Or this game bird?

Harefoot

Or these shore and wading birds?

Cloaked Bloodfoot	Tricolored Waterqueen
Lesser Bog-lover	Violet Nightqueen

Or this raptor?

Sociable Hookbeak

Or this coastal bird?

Black Beakface

Or the following passerines?

Reddish Bowmouth	Red-tailed Moth-eater
Wandering Worm-eater	Golden-haired Shaketail
Greenish Gnatking	Tiger-striped Tree-dweller
Rice-eating Longclaw	Many-tongued Mimic

No, you don't have to go to Africa or South America to get them; they are all North American birds. In fact, all but two of them occur regularly in Massachusetts. No, they are not new names being imposed upon us by the A.O.U. (thank goodness!). These are invented names - but invented by an orderly procedure, with some linguistic liberties taken. Perhaps you can figure out the more familiar names of these birds. In any case, these will appear in the next issue of Bird Observer, along with explanations of the invented ones.
