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Where's Raja? Find Raja, from *The Restricted Adventures of Raja* app, hidden in *Kind News, Jr.*  
Cover image: A Blue and Yellow Macaw



## THE RESTRICTED ADVENTURES OF **RAJA** BOOK 3 RELEASES MARCH 28TH!



Ask a grown-up to download my app, "Raja Book 3." Read the book together. Then, play the game "Jarbo's Jinx." Test how well you know the emotions of the characters in the book!



In Jarbo's Jinx, Jarbo has invaded my planet and turned warriors into animals. I need your help to turn them back into warriors!

Here is a page from "Raja Book 3," before the color was added. How do you think Rocky feels? How do you think the girl, Meg, feels? How would you feel if you saw Rocky?



# BACKYARD BIRDS

In the spring of 2017, the Wallace Family found a duck swimming in their pool in California. The duck must have had a nest nearby, because soon, a line of 12 **ducklings** was following her around the yard! They were messy. They took over the pool. The Wallaces let them stay anyway! What would you do if birds decided to have their babies in your yard?



**WHAT BIRDS DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR BACKYARD OR A NEARBY PARK?**



Mr. Wallace decided to write a picture book about Daisy and her ducklings called *Daisy and the Dirty Dozen*.



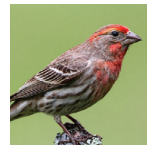
CLIP OUT THIS CHECKLIST. GO FOR HIKES OR WALKS WITH A GROWN-UP.  
SEE HOW MANY OF THESE BIRDS YOU CAN FIND!



☐ Mourning Dove



☐ White-breasted Nuthatch



☐ House Finch



☐ American Crow



☐ Tufted Titmouse



☐ American Goldfinch



☐ Dark-eyed Junco



☐ House Sparrow



☐ Downy Woodpecker



☐ Black-capped Chickadee





# PLANET PARROT

Most parrots stay within their area of the world all year long. Only two species of parrots migrate: the Swift Parrot and the Orange-Bellied Parrot. There are very few Orange-Bellied Parrots left living in the wild.



ORANGE-BELLIED PARROT



LOVEBIRDS!

In warm places around the world live about 350 kinds of parrots. From the little lovebirds to the large Blue and Yellow Macaw, they are all beautiful, musical, and smart.

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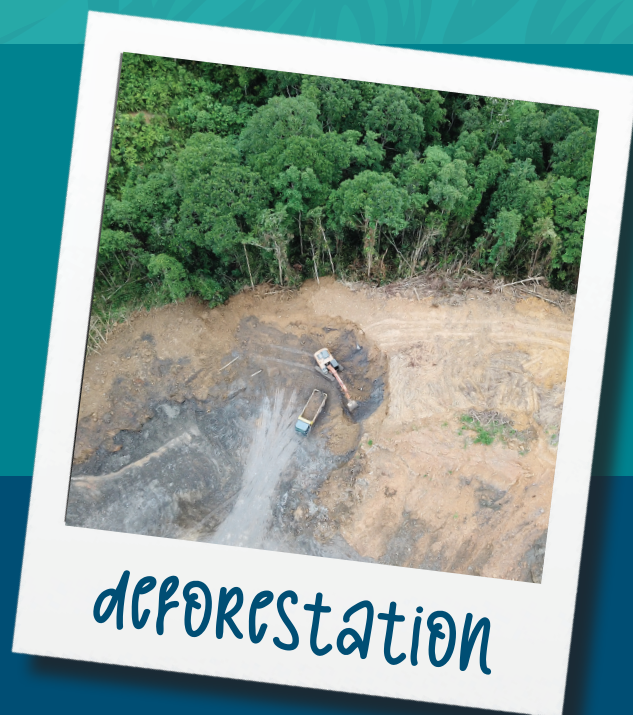


## PARROTS AS PETS?

Many parrots have been taken from the wild and sold as pets. Other parrots are born and raised in **captivity**. A pet parrot is a big job. They need lots of fresh fruits and veggies. They are sensitive to cold and household things, like air fresheners. They get bored quickly and often destroy things. In the wild, parrots scream loudly so birds miles away can hear them, and they can scream like this inside a house, too! Parrots also live a long time, from eight years for a parakeet to up to 60 years for a White-Crested Cockatoo!

## Tree trouble

Another threat to parrots is **deforestation**, or removing trees from forests. Parrots make their nests in large trees. But many of these large trees have been cut down, which makes it hard for the birds to have a family.



## PARROT PALS

"Wild parrots need all the help they can get," says Mike Parr of the American Bird Conservancy (ABC). What can young people do? "You can share what you learn...", he says. "Also, tell your friends to choose another pet option." Parr says that seeing wild parrots where they live is the best way to enjoy them. "They deserve to fly freely and be in their natural habitat. Parrots are also social birds that do better when they can live near their family and friends." Visiting a zoo that is set up to give all the care a parrot needs is another option. Families who decide to get a pet parrot should do their homework, and make sure the parrot was born in **captivity** and not stolen from the wild.



Vanessa Deleon from Ms. Koller's 5th grade class asked us this great question,

"Why do dogs  
**TILT**  
their heads?"



Can all birds fly?

Look up the answer or read Curiosity Corner in the next issue of *Kind News*!



Have you ever noticed a dog looking at you with her head leaned sideways? Ms. Koller and her 5th-grade class have, so they asked *Kind News* if we could find out why.

Turns out, head-tilting is a form of **dog body language**, how dogs talk using their bodies instead of words. Dogs most likely tilt their heads to hear better, to see better, and to show emotions.

### Hearing

Some think head-tilting helps dogs listen closely to what we're saying. They are most likely listening for words or tones of voice they recognize.

### Seeing

Head-tilting could help dogs see us better, especially if they have a long **snout**, or nose!

### Showing emotions

It might also be a way dogs show their emotions. Sometimes dogs tilt their heads when they're confused, curious, or want attention.

When do you notice that dogs lean their heads to the side?





# Bird BASICS

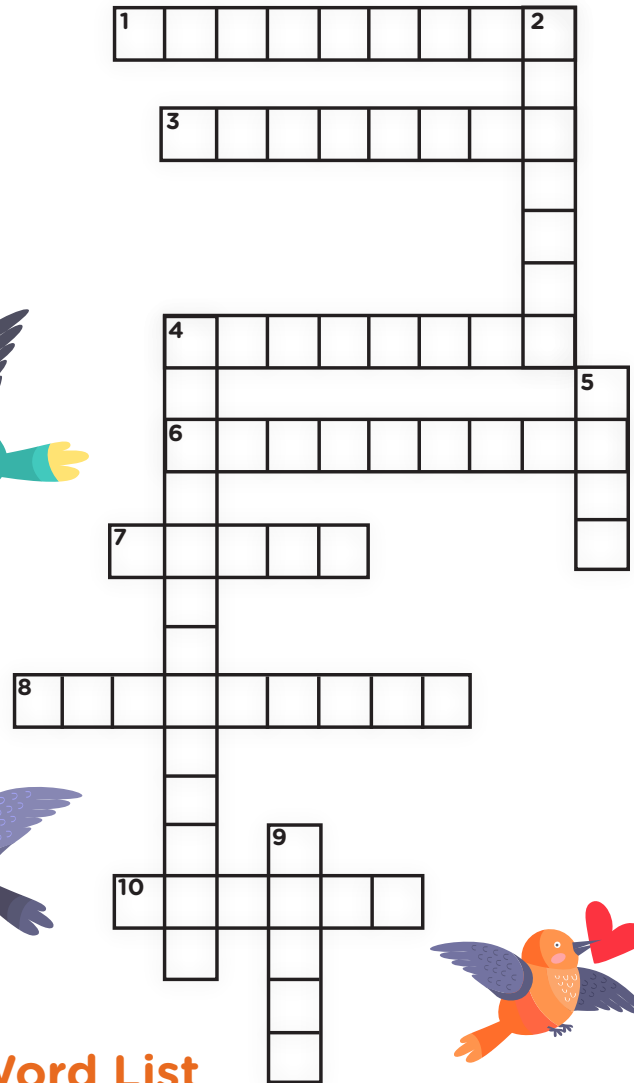
Birds are fun to watch, and we can easily find them in our own backyards. To learn more about birds, finish this crossword puzzle!

## Across

1. when birds fly to new places at a certain time of year
3. all birds have these and sometimes they are brightly colored
4. a baby duck
6. a young bird who is learning to leave the nest
7. people feed this to birds but it is terrible for them to eat
8. keeping wild animals in zoos or other places where people take care of them
10. birds' wings are \_\_\_\_\_, which makes them light and allows them to fly.

## Down

2. birds do this with soft material they collect before they lay eggs
4. removing trees from natural forests
5. what baby birds hatch from
9. a group of birds



## Word List

FEATHERS  
NESTING  
EGGS  
BREAD

CAPTIVITY  
FLOCK  
HOLLOW  
FLEDGLING

DUCKLING  
MIGRATION  
DEFORESTATION

## CRITTER CLUES

### WHAT AM I?

- 1 My name comes from the red stripes behind my ears and how I slide into the water.
- 2 I am an **omnivore** and eat small fish and water plants.
- 3 When I am full-grown, I can be up to 12 inches long!
- 4 I live in marshes, lakes, ponds and slow-moving rivers.
- 5 I use my **caruncle**, also called an "egg tooth," to break out of my egg.
- 6 Instead of teeth, I have bumps on my jaws that help me eat.
- 7 There are predators, like foxes and raccoons, that try to eat me!



# To the **RESCUE!**

This lucky eagle is being  
set free again!



## Meet Eaglet #16/B

Last June, a man found a young Bald Eagle on his lawn. He called his local department of fish and wildlife. When they came, they found a band on the eaglet's leg that said “#16/B.” This was an eaglet that had been tagged earlier that spring so scientists could learn more about her. Because Eaglet #16/B was thin, weak, and clearly hurt, they drove her to a Wildlife Clinic. The Clinic had veterinarians trained to help wild animals.

The Clinic sees injured or hurt eaglets every year. When the young eagles leave the

nests, they first try short flights to low branches and the ground below their nests. Sometimes, they end in a crash! Young **fledglings** can also be injured by free-roaming pets, other animals or human activity.

It took Eaglet #16/B three weeks to heal from a break in her keel, or breast, bone. In the Clinic's flight barn for birds, veterinarians made sure she could fly and land well. Then, they let her go and watched her fly above the banks of the river, not far from where she was found.

## Kind Questions ?

Now that you've read *Kind News*, challenge yourself with these questions.

1. Why do you think people give rescued wild animals numbers instead of names?
2. Two articles in this issue of *Kind News* talk about how much better it is for wild animals to stay in the wild. Do you agree or disagree, and why?



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