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THE ILLUSTRATED ALPHABET OF BIRDS



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A a

THE AUK

**A is an Auk,
Of the Artic sea,
He lives on the ice,
Where the winds blow free.**



B b



THE BLUE BIRD.

**B is a Blue Bird.
In early spring,
How sweet his songs
Through the forest
ring.**

C c

THE CONDOR.

**C is a Condor,
On the Andes' height,
He plumes his wings
For a lofty flight.**



D d



THE DUCK.

D is a Duck.

**Of the canvas back
sort,
To shoot at a flock
Is considered fine
sport.**

E e

THE BALD EAGLE.

**E's a Bald Eagle,
So bold and so free;
On the flag of our country
He spans land and sea.**



F f



**THE FISH
HAWK.**

**F is a Fish Hawk,
Who lives on the shore:
He catches his prey
Mid the ocean's roar.**

G g

THE GOOSE.

**G is a Goose;
His feathers we take
And put them in sacking
Our beds to make.**



H h



THE HUMMING BIRD.

**H is a Humming Bird,
Sporting mid flowers
And brightly enjoying
The sunny hours.**

I i

THE IBIS.

**I is an Ibis,
Who wanders in bogs,
And lives upon lizards,
And fishes and frogs.**



J j



THE JAY.

**J is a Jay,
With his blue and white
coat,
With a crest on his head,
And a ring round his
throat.**

K k

THE KING BIRD.

**K is a King Bird,
Pugnacious and bold:
A hero in fight,
And a terrible scold.**



L 1



THE LARK.

**L is a Lark,
A sociable bird;
His song in the meadow
Is frequently heard.**

M m

THE MAGPIE.

**M is a Magpie,
He lives at the west,
Steals and scolds and eats
carrion;
He's none of the best.**



N n

**THE NIGHT
HERON.**

N is a Night Heron,



**Of fishes quite fond;
He looks for them now,
As he stands by the
pond.**

O o

THE OWL.

**O is an Owl,
Who hides through the day;
And comes out at night,
To seek for his prey.**



P p



THE PIGEON

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**P is a Pigeon
So rapid in flight,
That before you can shoot
him
He's gone out of sight.**

Q q

THE QUAIL.

**Q is a Quail,
Who hides in a tree,
And whistles "Bob-White"
With lively glee.**



THE QUAIL.

R r



THE ROBIN.

**R is the Robin,
So kind and so good,
Who covered with leaves,
The poor babes in the
wood.**

S s

THE SWALLOW.

**S is the Swallow,
She darts through the air
To catch little insects,
Her favorite fare.**



T t



THE TURKEY.

**T is a Turkey,
A fine dashing beau,
By his fuming and
strutting,
His pride you may
know.**

U u

THE UPUPA.

**U's the Upupa,
Or Hoopoe. His crest
He can raise or lower,
As suits him best.**



V v



THE VULTURE.

**V is a Vulture,
Who feeds on the dead,
When the dark battle-
field,
With corpses is
spread.**

W W

THE WOODPECKER.

**W's a Woodpecker,
Who with his long bill,
Bores holes in a tree
And of worms eats his fill.**



X X



**THE
XANTHORONUS.**

**X is Xanthoronus,
Or Baltimore Bird.
Oft in our orchards,
His music is heard.**

Y y

THE YELLOW BIRD.

**Y is a Yellow Bird,
With feathers so bright,
Who sings all the day,
And sleeps all the night.**



Z z



THE LETTER Z, OR ROOST.

**Z stands for none
of the feathered race.
It must serve as a roost,
Or lose the last place.**