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# THE ILLUSTRATED ALPHABET OF BIRDS



BOSTON  
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1851.

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

l



**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.**

**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.

## **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.**

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