

John Doe Case: Court Report

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1 Job Description and Instructions

In this case the analysts collected hardware belonging to the suspect named "John Doe" who is accused of possessing illicit images of birds. The analysts; Sam Heney, Mairi McQueer and Ben Gilmour, were tasked with investigating the device to locate and present any files or information that may be incriminating. The methodology and results of such are detailed in the following sections. The analysts have some experience in this field from a Digital Forensics module taken as a part of a Bachelor of science degree in Ethical Hacking.

2 Description of Recovered / Examined Physical Evidence

2.1 John Doe's Hard Drive

The Hard Drive Disk (HDD) acquired was 5.4 Gigabytes (GB), with the primary partition(NTFS/exFAT) being 2.9 GB in size. The items recovered are labelled as 'Devices C, E and F'.

Device C Being the primary partition contains the vast majority of the files that were uncovered as well as the Operating System (OS) for John Doe's computer.

Device E A removable drive. Evidence of this drive was discovered, but the analysis team did not have access to this drive.

Device F A deleted partition, which contained a large collection of illicit files which will be presented later in the document.

3 Analysis Methodology

3.1 Disk imaging

In order to preserve the data on the original, physical HDD retrieved from "John Doe's" hardware, disk images were created, so that none of the evidence on the original HDD will be tampered with or altered. Initially when the HDD was given to the analysts to investigate, their first step was to create a number of disk images.

An image was created using the following steps; first was connecting the suspect drive to a computer in the analysis lab, ensuring the disk permissions were read-only as to keep the integrity of the evidence, so the original was not changed in any form. Then dd was used to make an image of the disk and then md5sum calculated the MD5 hash of the original image. Finally the integrity of the copy was verified by comparing the hashes of the original to the new image. The output of the commands are shown in the following figures.

```
admin@H80:~/Desktop/jd$ sudo dd if=/dev/sda2 of=/home/admin/Desktop/jd/johnDoe.dd conv=notrunc,noerror,sync hash=md5 hash log=/home/admin/Desktop/jd/johnDoeDrive.md5 bs=1406916 count=4096
[sudo] password for admin:
4096 blocks (5495Mb) written.
4096+0 records in
4096+0 records out
admin@H80:~/Desktop/jd$ ls
johnDoe.dd  johnDoeDrive.md5
```

Figure 1: Creating the disk image of the Hard Drive Disk

```
sam@1azMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ md5sum johnDoe.dd
d63dd1b8917ca28bac7c955fc3b6cd25  johnDoe.dd
```

Figure 2: MD5 hash of John Doe disk image

3.2 Physical Searching

Physical searching is treating the whole disk image as a file while searching for data. This reveals deleted files and file segments that have been partially overwritten in memory.

3.2.1 Disk Analysis

First the investigators decided to run clamscan in order to check for any viruses or infected files. The Sleuthkit mmfs and img_stat commands identified the partitions as well as the disk image file size and type, as seen in the figure five. As there was a few Kilobytes (KB) of unallocated space after the recovered partition, so the investigators decided to use Hexdump to reveal any bytes that may indicate a hidden file. As there was also an unallocated partition fsstat was ran, in order to gather any information that could be determined from it. (*Figure 5*) Then the software TestDisk was used in order to retrieve the deleted partition so the investigators could examine the contents. (*Figure 3*) Foremost, was used to search for bit patterns and identify specific patterns that match different file types, allow the viewing of the file metadata and searching for specific file types. On the deleted partition was a encrypted file

Disk johnDoeWrite.dd - 5762 MB / 5495 MiB - CHS 701 255 63						
Partition	Start	End	Size	in sectors		
* HPFS - NTFS	0	1	381	254 63	6136767	
>P HPFS - NTFS	382	0	699	254 63	5108670	

Figure 3: Testdisk retrieving deleted partition

```
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ clamscan johnDoe.dd
johnDoe.dd: OK

----- SCAN SUMMARY -----
```

Figure 4: Clamscan on John Doe disk image

```
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ img_stat johnDoe.dd
IMAGE FILE INFORMATION
-----
Image Type: raw

Size in bytes: 5762727936
Sector size: 512
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ mmls johnDoe.dd
DOS Partition Table
Offset Sector: 0
Units are in 512-byte sectors

      Slot      Start      End      Length      Description
000: Meta    0000000000  0000000000  0000000001  Primary Table (#0)
001: -----  0000000000  0000000062  0000000063  Unallocated
002: 000:000  0000000063  0006136829  0006136767  NTFS / exFAT (0x07)
003: -----  0006136830  0011255327  0005110498  Unallocated
```

Figure 5: Sleuthkit commands on John Doe disk image

3.2.2 Images

Once images were found from the Foremost search, Metacam was used to display the metadata of each image. This is information about the image stored within the image itself, such as the camera used to take the photo, GPS coordinates of where the photo was taken, the time the photo was taken etc. This metadata was used for a number of operations; Firstly, Grep which searches for patterns in files was used to find if there was information about the cameras that took the photos, seen at (*Figure 6*). Then another grep command was used to find the images taken by the discovered cameras and copy them to a folder.

```
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2/output/jpg$ metacam * 2>/dev/null | grep Model | uniq
Model: Canon PowerShot SD100
Model: Canon EOS-1DS
```

Figure 6: Using Metacam and grep to locate camera data

3.3 Prefetch Analysis

Windows, in order to load commonly used programs faster, keeps a record of all programs that have been run recently. This can be used by the investigators to see what programs have been run by the user. Each file represents the running of a program. There can be multiple files for the same executable if it was moved and run from a different location.

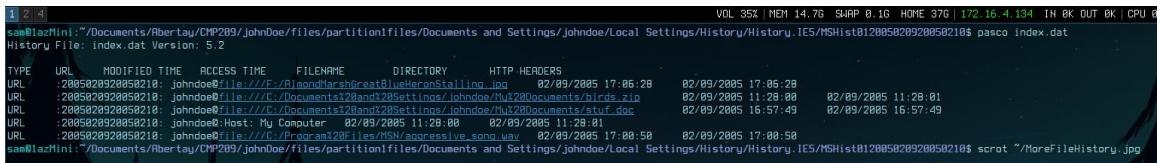
The time that these files were created is also useful for building a timeline of events, seeing as they are created at the last time the program was run.

3.4 Registry Examination

Then the analysts examined entries in the registry that relate to; the users on the machine, the devices that have been connected to it, what networks it has been connected to, last write times of files and log files that the machine itself created automatically. Anything that the machine automatically logs is called "accidental evidence" as the creation of it has not been purposeful by the user.

3.5 Browser Analysis

In order to search the file and web histories the tool Pasco was used to search the index.dat files from the browser, in this case the browser was Mozilla Firefox. (*Figures 8 & 9*)



```
VOL 35% MEM 14.7G SWAP 0.1G HOME 37G | 172.16.4.134 IN 0K OUT 0K CPU 0
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/files/partition1files/Documents and Settings/johndoe/Local Settings/History/History.IE5/MSHist012005020920050210$ pasco index.dat
History File: index.dat Version: 5.2
TYPE URL MODIFIED TIME ACCESS TIME FILENAME DIRECTORY HTTP HEADERS
URL :2005020920050210: johndoe@file:///E:/Downloads/creatBlueheronStalling.log 02/09/2005 17:06:28 02/09/2005 17:06:28
URL :2005020920050210: johndoe@file:///C:/Documents and Settings/johndoe/Favorites/birds.zip 02/09/2005 11:28:00 02/09/2005 11:28:01
URL :2005020920050210: johndoe@file:///C:/Documents and Settings/johndoe/Favorites/stuf.doc 02/09/2005 16:57:49 02/09/2005 16:57:49
URL :2005020920050210: johndoe@Host: My Computer 02/09/2005 11:28:00 02/09/2005 11:28:01
URL :2005020920050210: johndoe@file:///C:/Programs29Files/HSN/aggressive_song.wav 02/09/2005 17:00:58 02/09/2005 17:00:58
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/files/partition1files/Documents and Settings/johndoe/Local Settings/History/History.IE5/MSHist012005020920050210$ scrot ~/MoreFileHistory.jpg
```

Figure 7: File history index.dat

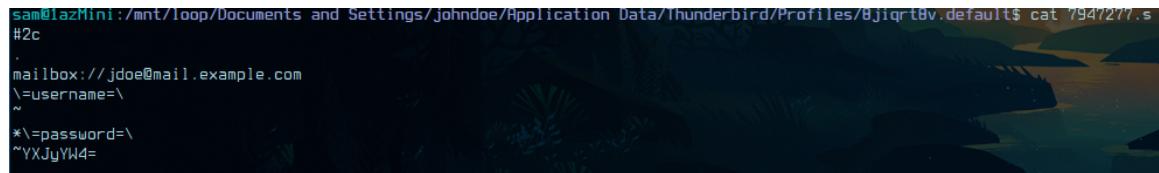


```
VOL 35% MEM 14.7G SWAP 0.1G HOME 37G | 172.16.4.134 IN 0K OUT 0K CPU 0
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/files/partition1files/Documents and Settings/johndoe/Local Settings/History/History.IE5/MSHist012005012420050131$ pasco index.dat
History File: index.dat Version: 5.2
TYPE URL MODIFIED TIME ACCESS TIME FILENAME DIRECTORY HTTP HEADERS
URL :2005012420050131: johndoe@Host: www.lingua.usp.br 01/24/2005 16:29:34 02/02/2005 14:18:14
URL :2005012420050131: johndoe@http://5.windowsupdate.microsoft.com/v5consumer/default.aspx 01/24/2005 16:40:02 02/02/2005 14:18:14
URL :2005012420050131: johndoe@http://office.microsoft.com/officewelcome/maincatalog.aspx?lc=en-GB 01/25/2005 11:26:04 02/02/2005 14:18:14
```

Figure 8: Web history index.dat

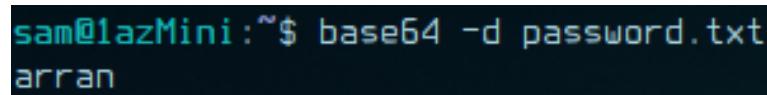
3.6 E-mail analysis

From browser analysis the analysts inferred the accused's e-mail client, Thunderbird, and from the client files their username and password were uncovered. The password was then decoded using a base64 decoder command.



```
sam@1azMini:/mnt/loop/Documents and Settings/johndoe/Application Data/Thunderbird/Profiles/8j1qrt8v.default$ cat 7947277.s
#2c
.
mailbox:///jdoe@mail.example.com
\=username=\n
\=password=\n
^YXJyYW4=
```

Figure 9: Retrieving password for jdoe@mail.example.com



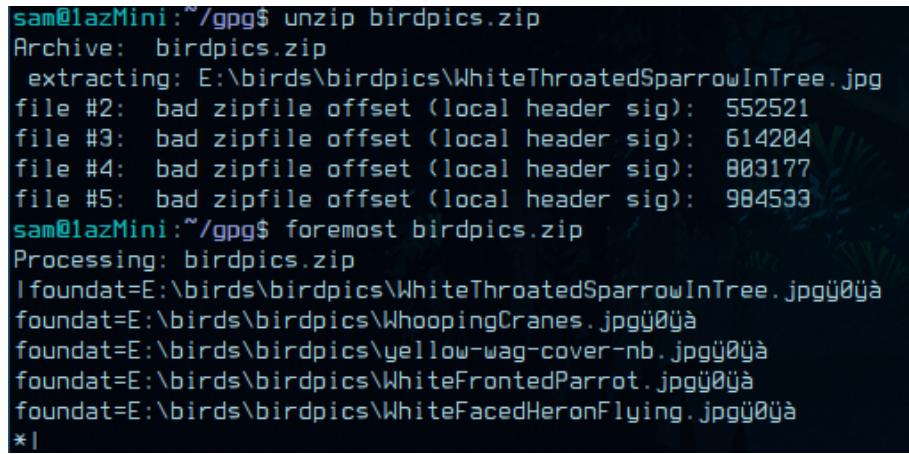
```
sam@1azMini:~$ base64 -d password.txt
arran
```

Figure 10: Decoding password for jdoe@mail.example.com

3.7 Encrypted Archive

In the main partition was a gpg encrypted file called birdpics.zip and the analysts attempted to decompress it, which unfortunately did not work.

Cryptographic keys secring.gpg and pubring.gpg were found in "Documents and Settings/johndoe/Application Data/GnuPG". The password used to decrypt the files was found earlier in the Thunderbird email client files, as the same password is used for both. Then the tool Foremost was used to recover the files. (*Figure 12*)



```
sam@1azMini:~/gpg$ unzip birdpics.zip
Archive: birdpics.zip
  extracting: E:\birds\birdpics\WhiteThroatedSparrowInTree.jpg
  file #2: bad zipfile offset (local header sig):  552521
  file #3: bad zipfile offset (local header sig):  614204
  file #4: bad zipfile offset (local header sig):  803177
  file #5: bad zipfile offset (local header sig):  984533
sam@1azMini:~/gpg$ foremost birdpics.zip
Processing: birdpics.zip
I foundat=E:\birds\birdpics\WhiteThroatedSparrowInTree.jpgÿþà
foundat=E:\birds\birdpics\WhoopingCranes.jpgÿþà
foundat=E:\birds\birdpics\yellow-wag-cover-nb.jpgÿþà
foundat=E:\birds\birdpics\WhiteFrontedParrot.jpgÿþà
foundat=E:\birds\birdpics\WhiteFacedHeronFlying.jpgÿþà
*|
```

Figure 11: Attempting to unzip file and using Foremost on birdpics.zip

4 Analysis

4.1 Physical Searching

4.1.1 Disk Analysis

Fsstat revealed the operating system is Windows XP and the file system is NTFS. There was initially only one partition listed, but there was a lot of unallocated space on the HDD (*Figure 13*). After further investigation using Testdisk (*Figure 3*), a second partition that had been removed from the Master Boot Record (MBR) was found (*Figure 14*).

4.1.2 Summary of the partition table

- 512 bytes for the partition table
- 32.256 KB of unallocated space
- Partition 1 - 3.142GB - Main partition with a Windows XP installation
- Partition 2 - 2.62GB - Undeclared partition with bird images and birdwatching guide
- 5.032 Megabytes (MB) of unallocated space

```
 sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ mm1s johnDoeWrite.dd
 DOS Partition Table
 Offset Sector: 0
 Units are in 512-byte sectors

      Slot      Start        End        Length      Description
 000: Meta    0000000000  0000000000  0000000001  Primary Table (#0)
 001: -----  0000000000  0000000062  0000000063  Unallocated
 002: 000:000  0000000063  0006136829  0006136767  NTFS / exFAT (0x07)
 003: -----  0006136830  0011255327  0005118498  Unallocated
```

Figure 12: Original partition table of John Doe disk image

```
 sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ mm1s johnDoeWrite.dd
 DOS Partition Table
 Offset Sector: 0
 Units are in 512-byte sectors

      Slot      Start        End        Length      Description
 000: Meta    0000000000  0000000000  0000000001  Primary Table (#0)
 001: -----  0000000000  0000000062  0000000063  Unallocated
 002: 000:000  0000000063  0006136829  0006136767  NTFS / exFAT (0x07)
 003: 000:001  0006136830  0011245499  0005108670  NTFS / exFAT (0x07)
 004: -----  0011245500  0011255327  0000009828  Unallocated
```

Figure 13: Partition table of John Doe disk image - with uncovered partition

The Clamscan revealed that there was no malware or infected files on the HDD. This was important to know for the analysts so they would not unintentionally infect the lab machine with anything from the image. (*Figure 15*) Hexdump was used to manually search through the remaining unallocated space on the drive for hidden files, but nothing was found. On the unallocated partition Foremost retrieved twenty-three illicit images of an array of bird species, in various environments and positions, as well as a guide to birdwatching in Thailand. *Appendices 1a-w*

```
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2$ clamscan johnDoe.dd
johnDoe.dd: OK

----- SCAN SUMMARY -----
Known viruses: 6104954
Engine version: 0.101.2
Scanned directories: 8
Scanned files: 1
Infected files: 0
Data scanned: 0.00 MB
Data read: 5495.77 MB (ratio 0.00:1)
Time: 25.525 sec (0 m 25 s)
```

Figure 14: Clamscan results

4.1.3 Images

When the encrypted birds.gpg file was located in the primary partition. The analysts tried, unsuccessfully, to decompress it and retrieve the image files inside. Instead, foremost was used again to carve the files out of the zip file but due to the retrieval method all of the original names were removed. (*Figure 12*) In the appendices the original names have been inferred from the original list created by the attempted unzipping. *Appendices 2a-e*

The cameras that were used to take the images from the original Foremost scan are: (*Figure 16*)

- Canon PowerShot SD100
- Canon EOS-1DS

```
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/johnDoe/disks2/output/jpg$ metacam * 2>/dev/null | grep Model | uniq
Model: Canon PowerShot SD100
Model: Canon EOS-1DS
```

Figure 15: List of cameras from image metadata

From the Canon PowerShot there were 51 images total, 16 of which contained birds. (*Figure 17*) From the Canon EOS-1DS there was 1 image which contained a bird. *Appendices 3a-q*

The metadata revealed that The Canon PowerShot photos were all taken between 2004:06:09 19:05:11 (9th June 2004 7:05pm) and 2004:06:27 18:28:34 (27th June 2004 6:28pm)

The Canon EOS-1DS photo was taken at 2003:01:29 16:14:10 (29th January 2003 4:14pm)

```
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Albertay/CMP289/johnDoe/disks2/output/jpg$ metacam * 2>/dev/null | grep "Canon Power" -B 4 | grep File | sed s/"File: "// | xargs -i {} cp {} PowerShot/
sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Albertay/CMP289/johnDoe/disks2/output/jpg$ ls PowerShot/
00755399.jpg 02791593.jpg 02903551.jpg 02997495.jpg 03062263.jpg 03114495.jpg 03101927.jpg 03108831.jpg 03348175.jpg 03499095.jpg 03538975.jpg 03665359.jpg 05180927.jpg
01243351.jpg 02792151.jpg 02952915.jpg 03010151.jpg 03074943.jpg 03163663.jpg 03184687.jpg 03222767.jpg 03393167.jpg 03516711.jpg 03541191.jpg 03673623.jpg 05475951.jpg
02281199.jpg 02792487.jpg 02962639.jpg 03018653.jpg 03080931.jpg 03108791.jpg 03185759.jpg 03241879.jpg 03426671.jpg 03518439.jpg 03559423.jpg 05863735.jpg
023089263.jpg 02915879.jpg 02963939.jpg 03030271.jpg 03112583.jpg 03181383.jpg 03186487.jpg 03343487.jpg 03477487.jpg 03529487.jpg 03593991.jpg 05869311.jpg
```

Figure 16: Listing the images found from the Cannon PowerShot

4.1.4 PDFs

A physical search for PDFs revealed 4 meaningful PDFs. Three of these PDFs were related to bird-watching. These included information about birding sites around Perth, a University of California Botanical Garden newsletter and a Birding Guide. *Appendices 4-6* The fourth PDF is a guide to using WinPT. WinPT stands for Windows Privacy Tools, a collection of tools used for encrypting files. This indicates the potential encryption of some files on the HDD or intent to do so.

There were other passworded pdfs found. The passwords were brute forced using John the Ripper (a password cracking tool) but the pdfs only contained unrelated material.

4.2 Logical Search

4.2.1 Miscellaneous Documents

In John Doe's documents folder there are a few different files relating to birds.

Firstly, there's a saved webpage called aa010703a.htm and saved assets from said webpage in a folder called aa010703a_files. This webpage is a guide to building a Bluebird nest box. A screenshot of this website can be seen at *Appendix 7a*.

Second is a text file called nestboxtips.txt with content describing how to maintain a nest box during summer. A screenshot of the contents can be seen at *Appendix 7b*.

There is a file called kakapo.ram linking to audio.pbs.org/songs/kakapo.rmd. .ram files are used to stream audio from the internet. Unfortunately this site is no longer active and there are no archives of the website so the analysts could not view it in order to ascertain its contents. Kakapo is a species of bird, so it can be inferred that the file was a birdsong.

Under "My Music" there is a document called Doc1.doc. This file contained an image of a bird, but half of the image was offscreen. A screenshot of the document can be seen at *Appendix 8*. Libreoffice was used to open the document and save the embedded image. The image can be seen at *Appendix 9*.

Also present is an encrypted file, which is covered in the next section.

Finally, there are also 9 images relating to birds. These can be seen at *Appendix 10a-i*

4.2.2 E-mails

All of these are communications to and from the accused from their private e-mail address via the Thunderbird e-mail client. In two of the emails from a Ben Forbes, Doe receives seven attachments, containing six images of birds. These images can be described as; Two red parrots in a white cage, a kingfisher in a tree, a balloon animal in the shape of a penguin, a flying seagull with a chip in its mouth with a male hand in the corner of the image, baby birds being fed by an older bird, three green parrots on grass and a female duck floating in water.

9th February 2005 - 11:08am

To: John Doe (jdoe@mail.example.com)

From: Ben Forbes (ben@example.com)

Subject: good pics

Main body:

Hi thought you'd like these

enjoy

Attachments: 7EYBTELF1KAN.jpg, IMG_3937_filtered.jpg and cute_penguin.jpg

Appendices 11a-c

To: John Doe (jdoe@mail.example.com)

From: Bird Fanciers (mailinglist@birds.example.com)

Subject: How to Identify Birds

Main body:

How to Identify Birds

Are you amazed at how quickly birders can identify birds? Actually, it's just like getting to know your human neighbours. When you move into a new neighbourhood everyone is a stranger, but soon you learn to tell people apart as you unconsciously catalog their characteristics. Their habits, shape, styles of walking, and "habitats" become familiar enough that you can recognize each neighbour immediately, even at a distance.

Paying attention to individual differences can help you identify birds, too. You can recognize many birds simply by noting their shapes, even if seen only in silhouette. Other useful characteristics are a bird's posture, size (easiest to judge if you use familiar birds as a size reference), flight pattern and/or head-on flight profile, and the kind of habitat in which the bird was seen.

Start by learning to identify general groups of birds- warblers, flycatchers, hawks, owls, wrens- whose members all share certain similarities. As your observation skills improve, familiarize yourself with the field marks- colored or patterned areas on the bird's body, head, and wings- that help distinguish species.

Attachments: none

To: John Doe (jdoe@mail.example.com)

From: Ben Forbes (ben@example.com)

Subject: some more good ones

Main body:

Thanks for the pics you sent me here are some I really like

Attachments: BC7 feeding the birds.jpg, glfs-storm-birds.jpg, colorful-birds.jpg, IMG_3937_filtered.jpg and gawall8.jpg

Appendices 11a, b, e &f

To: John Doe (jdoe@mail.example.com)

From: Ben Forbes (ben@example.com)

Subject: expensive birds

Main body:

A young woman was walking past a pet shop and saw an exotic, white cockatoo for sale. The price was \$6000. She entered the store and asked the clerk why the bird was so expensive. The clerk told her that the bird spoke 6 different languages. "Does it speak English?" asked the woman. "Of course it does!" said the clerk. The woman thought about her mother who was multi-lingual, a bit of a recluse and lived all alone.

She decided to purchase the bird and send it to her mother as a companion. She paid for the bird and made arrangements for it to be delivered. The following day, the woman telephoned her mother. "Mama, did you like the cockatoo that I sent you?" "Oh it was delicious!" she replied." "Mama, what do you mean delicious?" "I made soup out of it." "But mama, that bird spoke six different languages!" "Oh dear! Why didn't it say something?"

Attachments: none

4.2.3 Registry Analysis: Recent Docs

Here are the documents found in HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer
These are recently accessed documents that were recorded by the registry.

This is proof that John Doe recently accessed all of these Documents

- My Pictures - John Doe's images folder
- newbies2.jpg - Bird picture
- ready2fledge.jpg - Bird picture
- aa010703a.htm - Bird related website *Appendix 7a*
- birdwatching.doc - Birdwatching related document
- nestboxtips.txt - Bird box information *Appendix 7b*
- Prac4.gif - Unknown
- Prac4(2) - Unknown
- Q3 Thread (Statechart) - Unknown
- AlmondMarshGreatBlueHeronStalling.jpg - Bird picture *Appendix 1v*
- kakapo.ram - Previously discussed audio streaming file
- BirdingGuide.pdf - One of the recovered PDFs *Appendices 4a-b*
- non images - Unknown
- cookies.txt - Evidence of tampering with internet files
- bookmarks.html - Evidence of tampering with internet files
- aggresive_song.wav - Bird song
- audio - Unknown

-
- EvanstonWoodpecker.jpg - Bird picture
 - Local Disk (C:) - The main partition
 - Doc1.doc - Contains an image of a bird as previously discussed *Appendices 8 and 9*
 - Sample Music - Files were hidden in here
 - Killdeer.jpg - Bird picture
 - birds - A folder on the E: drive
 - babyscot_vyoung.jpg - Bird picture *Appendix 10e*
 - babyscot_2weeks1.jpg - Bird picture *Appendix 10d*
 - 117.jpg - Bird picture
 - ostbk2b2.htm
 - birdtrans2.jpg - Bird picture
 - My Music - Files were hidden in here as previously discussed
 - Booklist.doc
 - ODBC.INI - Text was hidden in this file describing bird life in Lake Michigan
 - WINDOWS
 - birds.zip - The unencrypted birdpics.gpg file *Appendices 2a-e*
 - stuf.doc - A letter informing the recipient that some tasks have been carried out according to previously discussed instructions
 - MSN
 - New Volume (F:) - The deleted partition

The only document discovered by this process that wasn't previously found was the ODBC.INI file, a windows config file that John Doe has used to hide text in. This is a method of obfuscation, intended to make it harder for investigators to find the text.

4.2.4 Registry Analysis: USB Drive

Evidence from the registry confirms the presence of a USB device.

The serial number was found at HKCU\SOFTWARE\ControlSet001\Enum\USBSTOR\[classID]\[serial]

The serial number is 071A190F01DF

This was then used to search through the event log at C:\Windows\setupapi.log

```
[2005/02/02 16:29:12 544.3 Driver Install]
#-019 Searching for hardware ID(s): usb\vid_0d7d&pid_0100&rev_0100,usb\vid_0d7d&pid_0
#-018 Searching for compatible ID(s): usb\class_08&subclass_06&prot_50,usb\class_08&
#-198 Command line processed: C:\WINDOWS\system32\services.exe
#W383 "usbstor.PNF" migrate: PNF Language = 0409, Thread = 0809.
#I022 Found "USB\Class_08&SubClass_06&Prot_50" in C:\WINDOWS\inf\usbstor.inf; Device:
ce": Provider: "Microsoft"; Mfg: "Compatible USB storage device"; Section name: "USBS
#I023 Actual install section: [USBSTOR_BULK.NT]. Rank: 0x00002000. Effective driver c
#-166 Device install function: DIF_SELECTBESTCOMPATDRV.
#I063 Selected driver installs from section [USBSTOR_BULK] in "c:\windows\inf\usbstor
#I320 Class GUID of device remains: {36FC9E60-C465-11CF-8056-444553540000}.
#I060 Set selected driver.
#I058 Selected best compatible driver.
#-166 Device install function: DIF_INSTALLDEVICEFILES.
#I124 Doing copy-only install of "USB\VID_0D7D&PID_0100\071A190F01DF".
#-166 Device install function: DIF_REGISTER_COINSTALLERS.
#I056 Coinstallers registered.
#-166 Device install function: DIF_INSTALLINTERFACES.
#-011 Installing section [USBSTOR_BULK.NT.Interfaces] from "c:\windows\inf\usbstor.in
#I054 Interfaces installed.
#-166 Device install function: DIF_INSTALLDEVICE.
#I123 Doing full install of "USB\VID_0D7D&PID_0100\071A190F01DF".
#I121 Device install of "USB\VID_0D7D&PID_0100\071A190F01DF" finished successfully.
***** 00/00 15:29:57 EML 0.5.1.1 *****
```

Figure 17: setupapi.log search

This log entry proves that the device was first plugged into the computer at 2005/02/02 16:29:12

This serial number can also be used to identify the device if it's ever found in the future.

4.2.5 Prefetch Analysis

ACRORD32.EXE-13285880.pf	REALONEMESSAGECENTER.EXE-8F115151.pf	TX_BIRDS.EXE-2861E2BC.pf
ACRORD32INFO.EXE-013ER364.pf	REALPLAY.EXE-1BF219BD.pf	TX_BIRDS.SCR-03FE8FC4.pf
DEFENC.EXE-1347939B.pf	REALPLAY_MOUNTPOINTS.EXE-35C57E1D.pf	UNREGMP2.EXE-07C4CB61.pf
DEFRAG.EXE-273F131E.pf	REALSCHED.EXE-3282F031.pf	UPDATE.EXE-016555EF.pf
DFRGNTFS.EXE-2699670F.pf	REFRESH.EXE-30802498.pf	UPDATE.EXE-01F68CE8.pf
DMADMIN.EXE-00BCB146.pf	REGEDIT.EXE-1B606482.pf	UPDATE.EXE-02F1FE9C.pf
DMREMOTE.EXE-2F82CB90.pf	REGSVR32.EXE-25EFFE2F.pf	UPDATE.EXE-035810C5.pf
DRWTSN32.EXE-2B4B52AC.pf	RNXPROC.EXE-1CD3A84F.pf	UPDATE.EXE-0DF31E49.pf
DWWIN.EXE-30875ADC.pf	RPHelperAPP.EXE-33CB172B.pf	UPDATE.EXE-1085B232.pf
EXPLORER.EXE-002F38A9.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-13CC3015.pf	UPDATE.EXE-10875175.pf
FIREFOX.EXE-17EE503B.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-169CA24B.pf	UPDATE.EXE-1428FC74.pf
FIREFOX.EXE-20641590.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-1BF9799.pf	UPDATE.EXE-16AE1C01.pf
GPG.EXE-3205295F.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-2576101F.pf	UPDATE.EXE-1AF8D01BA.pf
HELPsvc.EXE-2078DD02.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-206A7F8C.pf	UPDATE.EXE-2913E626.pf
IE4UINIT.EXE-169A5A39.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-2AF77CC9.pf	UPDATE.EXE-299C11EA.pf
IMAPI.EXE-0BF740R4.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-2F26E69F.pf	UPDATE.EXE-2E63FB5E.pf
Layout.ini	RUNDLL32.EXE-3632F40F.pf	UPDATE.EXE-309R48CB.pf
LOGON.SCR-151EFAEA.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-4499C56E.pf	UPDATE.EXE-31ADDE21.pf
MCSCRIPT_INUSE.EXE-04BEDF94.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-44EABC83.pf	UPDATERUI.EXE-21775FB9.pf
MCUPDATE.EXE-361E6FD8.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-451FC2C0.pf	USERINIT.EXE-3081B140.pf
MMC.EXE-0A5AF4A1.pf	RUNDLL32.EXE-478F11BD.pf	WINDOWS-K8990830-V1.1-ENU.EXE-0068773E.pf
MMC.EXE-3D93B3AE.pf	SCAN32.EXE-34BBB851.pf	WINPT.EXE-25808ABC.pf
MRT.EXE-0847AD6A.pf	SETREG.EXE-32F24RA5.pf	WINPT-INSTALL-1.0RC2.EXE-1309F1BA.pf
MSHTA.EXE-331DF029.pf	SETUP50.EXE-362FF7C9.pf	WINWORD.EXE-37F6AE89.pf
MSIEXEC.EXE-2F8A8C8E.pf	SHMGRATE.EXE-1B869E68.pf	WMIAPSRV.EXE-1E2270A5.pf
MSOHTMED.EXE-1B04RAD2.pf	SHSTAT.EXE-299C0834.pf	WMIPRVSE.EXE-28F301A9.pf
NOTEPAD.EXE-336351A9.pf	SVCHOST.EXE-3530F672.pf	WRAUCLT.EXE-399ABE72.pf
NTOSBOOT-B800DFAAD.pf	TBMON.EXE-193BB9A5.pf	XPINSTALL.EXE-1D8C9645.pf
NTVDM.EXE-1A10A423.pf	THUNDE~1.EXE-2074610F.pf	
READER_SL.EXE-3614FAE6.pf	TX_BIRDS.EXE-24B103EC.pf	

Figure 18: prefetch files

The prefetch files reveal some interesting evidence.

Realplay was used. This is an audio player and was most likely used to listen to bird songs since that is the only significant audio present on the HDD.

Regedit was used. This is a tool used to edit registry keys. This indicates that John Doe tampered with the registry somehow. It is unclear how it was tampered with, since editing the registry is not logged.

tx.birds.exe was run from a few different locations, indicated by the presence of multiple prefetch files for the same executable. This executable is a screensaver with a slideshow of several images of birds.

Other notable evidence from the prefetch files are covered in the time-lines presented in section 4.3.

4.3 Computer time-lines

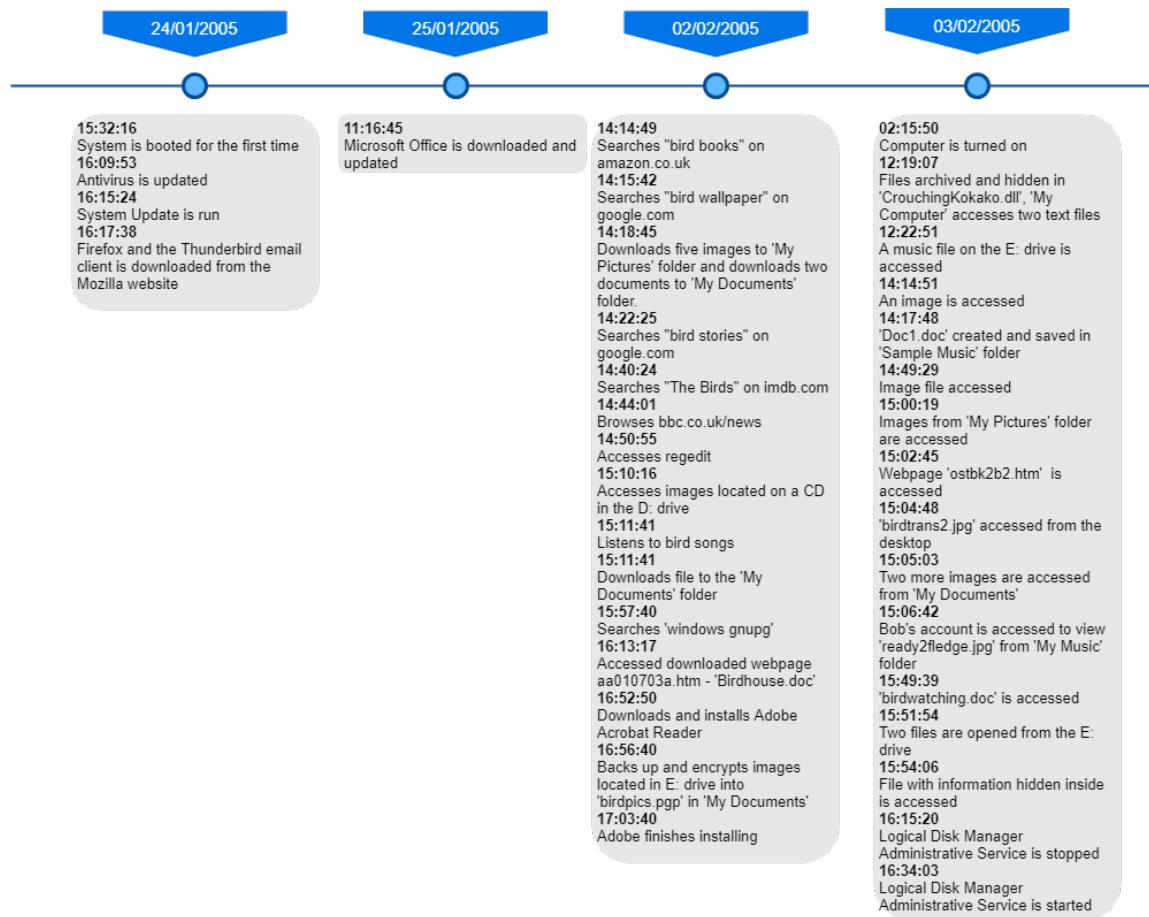


Figure 19: Timeline for John Doe

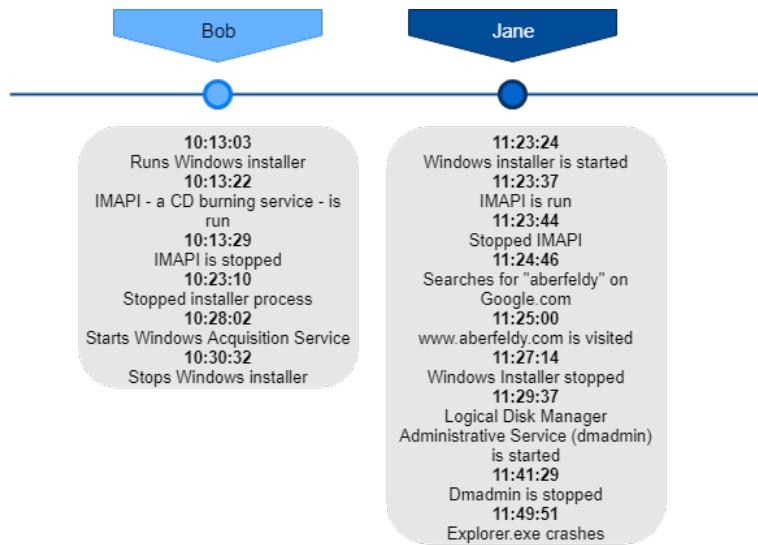


Figure 20: Timeline for Bob and Jane

4.3.1 John Doe

Key items *Appendices 12-14*

Day one: 24th January 2005 **3:32pm**: According to the computers event log the accused boots up their computer for the first time, implying that this is the first time this computer has been used.

4:17pm: The e-mail client Thunderbird is installed, this is used later to receive bird images.

Day three: 2nd February 2005

2:15pm: Searches for books about birds on the online marketplace Amazon.

2:18pm: Searches Google images for bird wallpapers and downloads five images.

At the same time downloads an HTM file that contains instructions on how to build a birdhouse and a text document called 'nestboxtips.txt', which offers advice on how to attract birds. *Appendices 9a and b*

2:22pm: Google search history from Firefox shows that 'bird stories' was searched for.

2:50pm: Accesses the regedit tool. This tool is used to view or edit, such as deleting, items in the Windows registry. These items include registry keys their values and the value data.

3:10pm: Accesses images located on a CD, that has been inserted into the D: drive. The contents of this CD is unknown to the digital forensic analysts.

3:11pm: Listens to bird songs online and downloads a music file called 'kakapo.ram', this file is used to stream music from the internet but the host it's targeting is unresolvable. It's worth noting that Kakapo is a type of bird.

4:13pm: Accesses the webpage that was downloaded at 2:18pm.

4:31pm: Installs GNUMP, software that allows the user to encrypt files.

4:56pm: Backs up and encrypts images from the E: drive into 'birdpics.gpg' in an attempt to obfuscate the files. *Appendices 2a-e*

Day four: 3rd February 2005

12:19pm: Seven image files archived and hidden in 'CrouchingKokado.dll' these images are.

Appendices 15a-g

12:22pm: Music file titled 'aggressive_song.wav' is accessed from the 'audio' folder within the folder 'birds' on the E: drive.

2:14pm: 'EvanstonWoodpecker.jpg' is accessed from C: drive. **2:17pm:** 'Doc1.doc' is created and stored in 'Sample music'. The document contains an image of a bird *Appendix 9*

2:49pm: 'Killdeer.jpg' is accessed from the E: drive. **3:00pm:** Three images from 'My pictures' are accessed. **3:02pm:** 'ostbk2b2.htm' is accessed, this webpage contains . **3:04pm:** 'birdtrans2.jpg' is accessed from the desktop. **3:05pm:** 'chicks2.jpg' and 'newbies.jpg' are viewed. **3:06pm:** The suspect views another image titled 'ready2fledge.jpg'. **3:49pm:** The document 'birdwatching.doc' was accessed.

3:51pm: 'BookList.doc' and the PDF 'BirdingGuide.pdf' were opened

4.3.2 Bob and Jane (Day four: 3rd February 2005)

Bob

10:13am: IMAPI CD-burning service is run on windows and stopped seven seconds later, it is feasible for the person running the software to have burned files onto a disk but they would have to be small.

10:28am: Windows Image Acquisition Service (WIP) is run, implying that images are transferred either to or from an external piece of hardware such as a camera or scanner.

Jane

11:23am: IMAPI is run again for another seven seconds.

11:25am: A website called 'aberfeldys.com' is visited, this website contains numerous images of birds.

11:29am: Logical Disk Manager Administrative Service is run for twelve minutes, this service is used to configure hard drive partitions.

5 Production List and Associated Description

5.1 Syhash

A custom python script was written to create hashes of John Doe's entire filesystem. This was used to verify the integrity of the files throughout the investigation.

The script is in the attached files as hash.py.

To use the program, type ”./hash.py -d [dir to hash]”. For example: ”./hash.py -d /mnt/loop/”. This would hash the filesystem of a device that is loopback mounted.

```
 sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/syhashnew/test/syhash$ ./hash.py -d /mnt/loop/
Reading filesystem...
Found 15717 files
Hashing the files now...
15717it [00:05, 2710.86it/s]
Done! Hashed 15717 files (15GB) in 5.813091046991758s
Hashes have been written to hashes.txt
```

Figure 21: Running the script

```
 sam@lazMini:~/Documents/Abertay/CMP209/syhashnew/test/syhash$ tail hashes.txt
e3b0c44298fc1c149afb4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855      /mnt/loop/AUTOEXEC.BAT
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3b41159e0eeb405c19d0d715661df91b7e6892233c2acd1206fd9cf41732020      /mnt/loop/pagefile.sys
```

Figure 22: A sample of the script’s output file

6 Conclusions

There was a partition that was not initially present in the MBR, this is a result of a partition being deleted, since the contents were images and files related to birds and birdwatching, this potentially was an effort to hide the contents present there.

On the main partition itself numerous bird images were found and an audio that potentially contained birdsongs. In the browser and file histories, multiple websites related to bird watching and viewing bird related images were accessed, images and files were also downloaded over this four day period by John Doe.

Bob and Jane also used the computer in question but it cannot be proven, from the digital evidence alone, that they assisted the accused even if they also accessed bird related websites.

Many efforts were made to conceal images and bird-related information. This includes hiding text in windows files, changing file extensions and hiding files in unusual places.

The e-mails received by John Doe's account contain a fairly substantial amount of bird images. The conversations had in the email also suggested that John Doe has previously distributed bird images over email.

There were a large collection of photos that were all taken by the same camera and within the same timeframe. They appear to be from a birdwatching trip.

Since the malware scan returned that there are no viruses, the images could not possibly have been put on John Doe's computer by malware or virus.

7 Contributions

Sam Heney:

Carried out every task in the analysis section, Got all of the screenshots in that section and wrote up the initial drafts of that section. Discovered and acquired all of the images and evidence used in the report. Used the evidence along with system time information and registry investigation to create the written timeline of events. Wrote the conclusions section. Wrote the description of items and the production list. Wrote the syshash python program that was used to generate hashes of all of the files.

Mairi McQueer:

Wrote the Job Description, most of analysis and conclusions, some of equipment required and also rewrote almost all of analysis methodology. Formatted and included appendices 1-3, as well as organising them in analysis and methodology. Implemented almost all of the design and aesthetic decisions in the formatting of the report.

Ben Gilmour:

Gathered some of the early screenshots that were missed. Wrote up some of the analysis methodology and added, formatted and organised the majority of the appendices.

8 Equipment Required for Court Proceedings

In order to present the evidence discovered the following items are required:

- A perfect image of John Doe's HDD
- A machine with a Linux distribution installed, in the report Debian was used. The machine will also require the following software and libraries:
 - Testdisk
 - Sleuthkit library
 - Metacam
 - Pasco
 - Foremost
 - chntpw
 - reged
 - syshash (written for this project)

9 Acronyms used

Hard Drive Disk (HDD)
Kilobytes (KB)
Megabytes (MB)
Gigabytes (GB)
Operating System (OS)
Media Access Control (MAC)
Windows Image Acquisition Service (WIP)
Master Boot Record (MBR)

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10 Appendices

10.1 Images From Recovered Partition

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1a	 A Kea parrot is perched on a grassy bank next to a body of water. It is facing away from the camera, looking down at a baked bean can it has retrieved from the water.	KeaRetrievingBakedBeanCanFromTarn.jpg
1b	 A Kea parrot is standing on the roof of a blue car, facing away from the camera. It is eating from a small orange object, likely a food item it found.	KeaEatingRentalCar.jpg
1c	 A Kea parrot is standing on a grassy slope, facing towards the right. It is looking up, possibly at something in the sky or above its head.	KeaAtTopOfMacKinnonPass0930.jpg
1d	 A close-up shot of a Kea parrot's head and upper body, facing left. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a clear sky.	KeaAndMountain.jpg

1e		junescreen01.jpg
1f		june03screen.jpg
1g		ImmatureSnowyEgretTakingOff.jpg
1h		GreenHeronOnChicagoLakeshore.jpg
1i		GreenHeronCloseup.jpg

1j		GreatEgretOverflyingRoseateSpoonbills.jpg
1k		GreatEgretInVoloBog.jpg
1l		GreatBlueHeronWithFish.jpg
1m	 © Tim Gallagher	brd_Ornithologist_TWG.jpg

1n		BlackVultureSunningOnPost.jpg
1o		BlackSwan.jpg
1p		BlackNeckedStiltsFromBehind.jpg
1q		BellbirdJumpingOffBranch.jpg
1r		BarnOwl.jpg

1s		BaldEagle7oClock.jpg
1t		AmericanWhitePelicansCircling.jpg
1u		AmericanAvocetWinterPlumage.jpg
1v		AlmondMarshGreatBlueHeronStalling.jpg
1w		Df1.jpg

10.2 Images obtained from birdpics.gpg

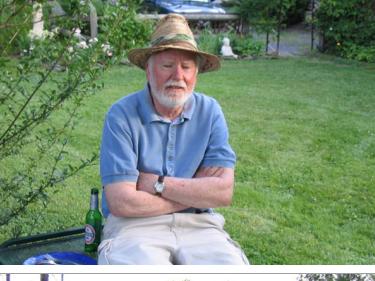
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2c		00001079.jpg
2d		00001199.jpg
2e		00001568.jpg

10.3 Photos taken from Cannon Powershot

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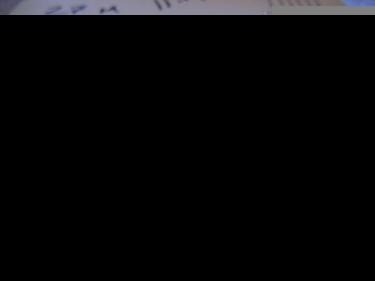
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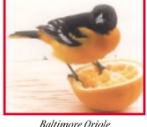
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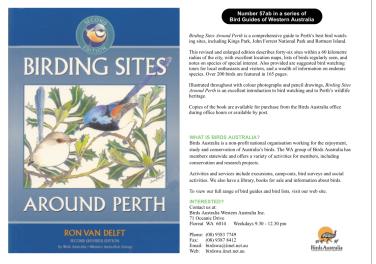
3au	 A black rectangular redaction box covering a portion of the image.	02281199.jpg
3av	 A photograph showing a person's hand holding several small, reddish-brown, irregularly shaped objects, possibly pieces of tissue or debris, against a light-colored background.	01243351.jpg

10.4 Birding Guide PDF

Appendix Number.	Image	Image Name
4a		Birding-guide_01.png

4b	 <p><i>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</i></p>  <p><i>Baltimore Oriole</i></p>  <p><i>Morning Doves</i></p> <p>Welcome to the Casual Coast, along the southern shore of Lake Michigan. Home to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, the Indiana Dunes State Park and the most diversified flora and fauna in the Midwest, the dunes are complemented by several nearby inland nature preserves. Together, they provide a unique haven for birds and birders that will make your stay on the Casual Coast both enjoyable and memorable.</p> <p>TABLE OF CONTENTS</p> <table> <tr><td><i>BIRD MIGRATION TO THE DUNES</i></td><td><i>1</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>WEATHER EFFECTS OF BIRDING</i></td><td><i>2</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>RAPTOR FLIGHTS</i></td><td><i>2</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>BIRDING SITES</i></td><td><i>3-5</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>ACCOMMODATIONS CHART</i></td><td><i>6</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>PORTER COUNTY MAP</i></td><td><i>7</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>WELCOME TO BIRDING</i></td><td><i>12</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>PORTER COUNTY BIRDERS CHECKLIST</i></td><td><i>13-19</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</i></td><td><i>20</i></td></tr> <tr><td><i>BIBLIOGRAPHY</i></td><td><i>20</i></td></tr> </table> <p><i>Photography provided by David Oberst</i></p>	<i>BIRD MIGRATION TO THE DUNES</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>WEATHER EFFECTS OF BIRDING</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>RAPTOR FLIGHTS</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>BIRDING SITES</i>	<i>3-5</i>	<i>ACCOMMODATIONS CHART</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>PORTER COUNTY MAP</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>WELCOME TO BIRDING</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>PORTER COUNTY BIRDERS CHECKLIST</i>	<i>13-19</i>	<i>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>BIBLIOGRAPHY</i>	<i>20</i>	Birding_guide_02.png
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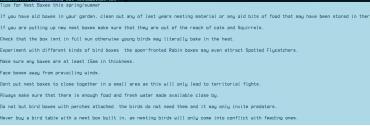
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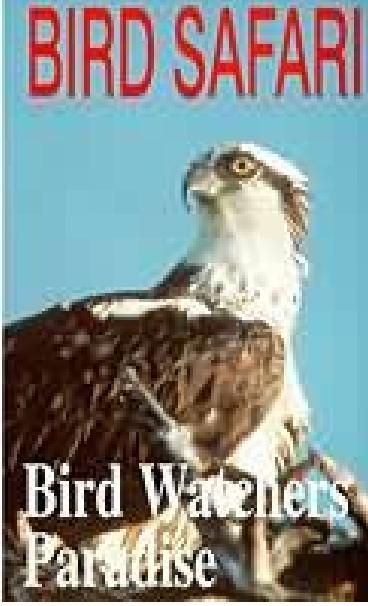
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