Fun Facts about the birds:

**Barn Swallow:**

Fun Fact: Main predators of barn swallows are cats, hawks, gulls and grackles

**Barred Owl:**

Fun Fact: The belly feathers of some Barred Owls are pink. This coloring may be the result of eating a lot of crayfish

**Bewick’s Wren:**

Fun Fact: Hawks and owls are predators of adult house wrens. Cats, raccoons, squirrels, rats, possums and snakes eat eggs and young chicks.

**Brown Thrasher:**

Fun Fact: An aggressive defender of its nest, the Brown Thrasher is known to strike people and dogs hard enough to draw blood.

**Carolina Chickadee:**

Fun Fact: Young leave nest about 13-17 days after hatching.

**Cedar Waxing:**

Fun Fact: The Cedar Waxwing is one of the few North American birds that specializes in eating fruit.

**Dark-eyed Junco:**

Fun Fact: A recent estimate set the junco's total population at approximately 630 million individuals!!

**Downy Woodpecker:**

Fun Fact: Special feathers around their nostrils keep them from breathing in wood chips.

**Eared Grebe:**

Fun Fact: The Eared Grebe migrates only at night.

**House Finch:**

Fun Fact: Females prefer to mate with the reddest male they can find, perhaps increasing the probability of obtaining a capable mate who can do his part in feeding the nestlings.

**House Sparrow:**

Fun Fact: On the ground, the house sparrow typically hops rather than walks.

**Mallard:**

Fun Fact: The scientific name for the Mallard Duck is Anas Platyrhynchos.

**Mourning Dove:**

Fun Fact: The cooooOOOOO-woo-woo-woo call is almost always uttered by the male bird, not the female, and is—wait for it—a *wooing* call, an enticement to a mate or potential mate.

**Northern Bobwhite:**

Fun Fact: Northern bobwhites reach sexual maturity at the age of 1 year.

**Northern Cardinal:**

Fun Fact: Unlike many other songbirds in North America, both the male and female cardinals can sing.

**Northern Mockingbird:**

Fun Fact: A male mockingbird can learn up to 200 different songs

**Purple Martin:**

Fun Fact: The Purple Martin is the largest swallow in North America.

**Red-tailed Hawk:**

Fun Fact: The Red-tailed Hawk is one of the most widely distributed hawks in the Americas.

**Red-winged Blackbird:**

Fun Fact: Some birds may travel as far as 80 km (50 mi) between the roosting and feeding sites.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:**

Fun Fact: Ruby-throated hummingbirds eat insects and nectar from many flowering plants. They are attracted to the color red.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:**

Fun Fact: Group of scissor-tailed flycatchers is known as "zipper", "snip" or "pinking.”

**Tufted Titmouse:**

Fun Fact: There is no gender difference. Both the sexes look alike.

WEBSITES USED:

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