

What's in a Name?

Every good birder knows that each bird species may have several common names, but only one *scientific* name. Unlike the confusing array of common names, the scientific name, written in Latin, consists of the genus and species, and is recognized by ornithologists throughout the world. (For example, an American robin is also known in some parts of the United States as a redbreast, robin redbreast, Canada robin, common robin, migratory thrush, northern robin, southern robin, western robin, and San Lucas robin. However, its only *scientific* name is *Turdus migratorius*.) See if you can match the following common bird names with their respective scientific names. Scroll down for answers.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name (with a pronunciation guide)</u>
_____ Bald Eagle	A. <i>Falco sparverius</i> (FAL-koh spar-VER-ih-us))
_____ Eastern Bluebird	B. <i>Turdus migratorius</i> (TUR-dus my-grah-TOE-rih-us)
_____ Northern Mockingbird	C. <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> (an-HING-gah an-HING-gah)
_____ European Starling	D. <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> (hal-ih-ay-EE-tus lew-koh-SEFF-ah-lus)
_____ Prothonotary Warbler	E. <i>Branta Canadensis</i> (BRAN-tah can-ah-DEN-sis)
_____ Northern Cardinal	F. <i>Sialia sialis</i> (sigh-AY-lih-ah SIGH-al-iss)
_____ English (House) Sparrow	G. <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> (tih-RAN-us tih-RAN-us)
_____ Loggerhead Shrike	H. <i>Passer domesticus</i> (PASS-er dom-ESS-tih-kus)
_____ American Robin	I. <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> (STIR-nus vul-GAY-ris)
_____ Tufted Titmouse	J. <i>Cyanocitta cristata</i> (sigh-ah-no-SIT-ah kris-TAY-tah)
_____ Eastern Kingbird	K. <i>Passerina cyanea</i> (pass-er-EYE-nah sigh-ANE-ee-ah)
_____ Ivory-billed Woodpecker	L. <i>Campephilus principalis</i> (cam-PEE-fil-us, or cam-PEF-ih-lus, prin-sih-PAY-liss)
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	M. <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> (LANE-ih-us lewd-oh-VICK-ih-ANE-us)
_____ Wild Turkey	N. <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i> (car-din-AY-liss car-din-AY-liss)
_____ American Kestrel	O. <i>Mimus polyglottos</i> (MY-mus, or MIM-us, pol-ih-GLOT-os)
_____ Blue Jay	P. <i>Falco peregrinus</i> (FAL-koh per-eh-GRY-nus)
_____ Canada Goose	Q. <i>Protonotaria citrea</i> (pro-tow-no-TAY-rih-ah SIGH-tree-ah)
_____ Peregrine Falcon	R. <i>Archilochus colubris</i> (are-LILL-oh-cuss COL-oo-bris)
_____ Indigo Bunting	S. <i>Parus bicolor</i> (PAY-rus BIE-color)
_____ Anhinga	T. <i>Meleagris gallopova</i> (mel-e-AY-gris gal-low-PAY-voe)

Answers for “What’s in a Name?” quiz:

- D Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
- F Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)
- O Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)
- I European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)
- Q Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*)
- N Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)
- H English (House) Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)
- M Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)
- B American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)
- S Tufted Titmouse (*Parus bicolor*)
- G Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)
- L Ivory-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*)
- R Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)
- T Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopova*)
- A American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
- J Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)
- E Canada Goose (*Branta Canadensis*)
- P Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
- K Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)
- C Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)