

NAME THAT BIRD!

Can you match each bird to its description?

The Peconic Estuary watershed is home to many nesting and migrating shorebirds, wading birds, raptors, and waterfowl. These amazing birds rely on fish, mollusks, crustaceans, worms, and eggs from the estuary for food. Can you identify each of the five birds below based on its description?



Name: _____

Date: _____

Osprey



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1. This migrating bird, also known as a "Fish Hawk," is an apex predator and is the only bird of prey that fishes for all of its food!

Piping Plover



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2. This sand-colored shorebird comes to the coasts of the Peconic Estuary in the spring and summer to nest in the dunes. It relies on horseshoe crab eggs for much of its nutrition.

Double-Crested Cormorant



US Fish and Wildlife

3. This bird has green eyes and often swims with only its head and neck above water, ready to dive for fish. It lacks waterproof feathers so the bird must use the air to dry them!

Great Blue Heron



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4. This large non-swimming wading bird with feathers the color of water or sky, has long legs and can be found standing in the estuary very quietly in the effort to snatch surprised fish!

Great Egret



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5. This long-necked bird with black legs and a bright yellow bill can sometimes be confused with a bird that has the word 'Snowy' in its name. However, the 'Snowy' bird has a black bill which can help the spotter tell the difference between the two species.