Matching Mates

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

The females and males of some birds look different from one another. This is called **sexual dimorphism**. In some species, they look very different. In others, they look quite similar with only subtle differences. Males are typically more colourful. Cut the cards out and see if you can match the males and females of the same species.

G

H

I

J

K

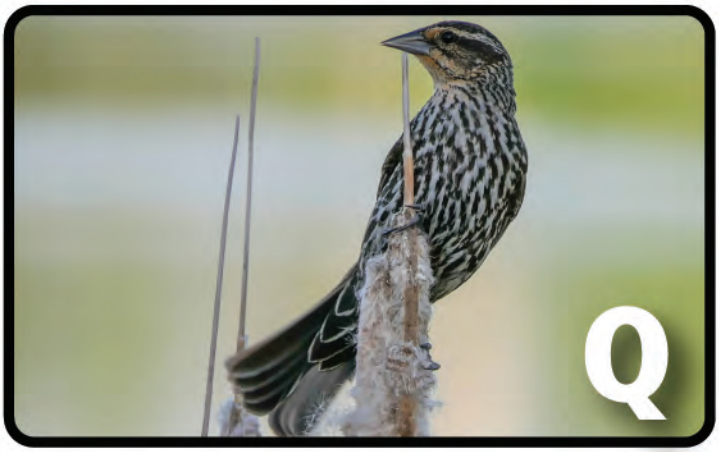
L

M

N

O

P


Q

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Answers

A (♀) + R (♂) = Mallard Duck
M (♀) + P (♂)= Northern Cardinal
T (♀) + C (♂) = Rose-breasted Grosbeak
J (♀) + Y (♂) = Ruby-throated Hummingbird
W (♀) + D (♂) = Indigo Bunting
F (♀) + S (♂) = Baltimore Oriole
V (♀) + L (♂) = Eastern Bluebird
Q (♀) + I (♂) = Red-winged Blackbird
K (♀) + X (♂) = Wood Duck
E (♀) + Z (♂) = Black-throated Blue Warbler
O (♀) + B (♂) = Eastern Towhee
H (♀) + N (♂) = House Sparrow
U (♀) + G (♂) = American Kestrel

♀ **Female** ♂ **Male**