

# Migrating Through

Several brightly colored birds migrate through central Texas from their wintering grounds in Mexico and Central America. Have you seen any of these in your yard?

Painted Bunting males (see cover) have a vibrant blue head, bright red underparts, and a lime green back. Females are plain green.



Summer Tanager males are completely red. The females vary in color from pale yellow to brighter orange.



Orchard Oriole males are an orangy-brown color with a black head. Females are dull yellow-green with white wingbars.



## The Joy of Summer Birds

Join John & Brian as they share what you're missing without feeding in summer. How to attract new birds, help a new generation of birds, help mom and dad, and find joy in knowing that the food we provide can make a significant difference in how well birds survive and thrive.



*Nature Centered* is a podcast from **Wild Birds Unlimited** about feeding the birds and enjoying nature right in your own backyard. Relax, enjoy the birds, and stay Nature Centered.

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## Little Flyers & the Little Flyers Passport

This is our third issue of *Little Flyers*, a zine designed for kids. We provide fun information and activities on a monthly basis tailored to our seasonal focus.

Color the pictures, complete activities, or just create your own works of art! What do you see outside your window?

Kids can earn stamps for the *Little Flyers Passport* by completing the activities and bringing it in to show us. Collect 8 stamps to receive a prize!

*Little Flyers* is a unique program at the **Wild Birds Unlimited** South Austin located at 3535 Bee Caves Road in Westlake Hills. Come visit us in person or online at [austinsouth.wbu.com](http://austinsouth.wbu.com) for upcoming events, birding news, feeders, bird seed, nesting boxes, and more.

The *Little Flyers* zine is created and edited by Ginny Lindzey, including all original artwork.



## How Many?

Look at the picture on pages 4-5 to answer the following questions.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
How many birds are in the picture?

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
How many cats are in the picture?

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
How many hedgehogs are in the picture?

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
How many bird feeders are in the picture?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
How many bird books are in the picture?

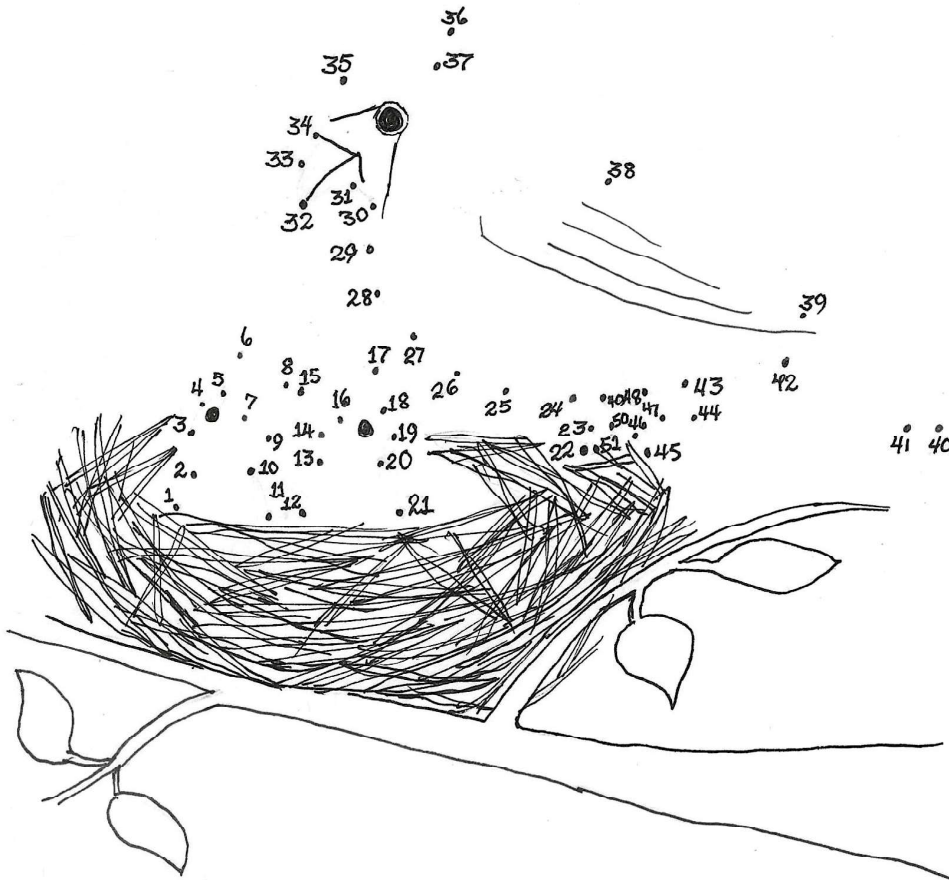
Based on the clues from above, answer the following question:

*What do you call two birds in love?*

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Who's in the Nest?

Connect the dots to see who's in the nest below.



# Did You Find a Bird?

*Is the bird injured or sick?*

(caught by a dog or cat, bleeding, weak, not able to use wings or feed, one wing drooping)

**YES**

Contact **Austin Wildlife Rescue** at (512) 472-9453 or [www.austinwildliferescue.org](http://www.austinwildliferescue.org).

**NO**



**nestling (n)** a bird that is too young to leave its nest.

*Does the bird have feathers?*

**NO**

It is a nestling.



*Can you find the nest intact?*

**YES**

Put the nestling in the nest and observe for 1 hour.

**NO**

Make a nest and hang close to the original nest location. Put nestling in nest and observe for 1 hour.

**YES**

It's a fledgling. Remove dogs, cats, and people from the area. Give the bird space.

*Are parents returning and attentive?*



**fledgling (n)** a bird that has intentionally left the nest but still needs parent care.

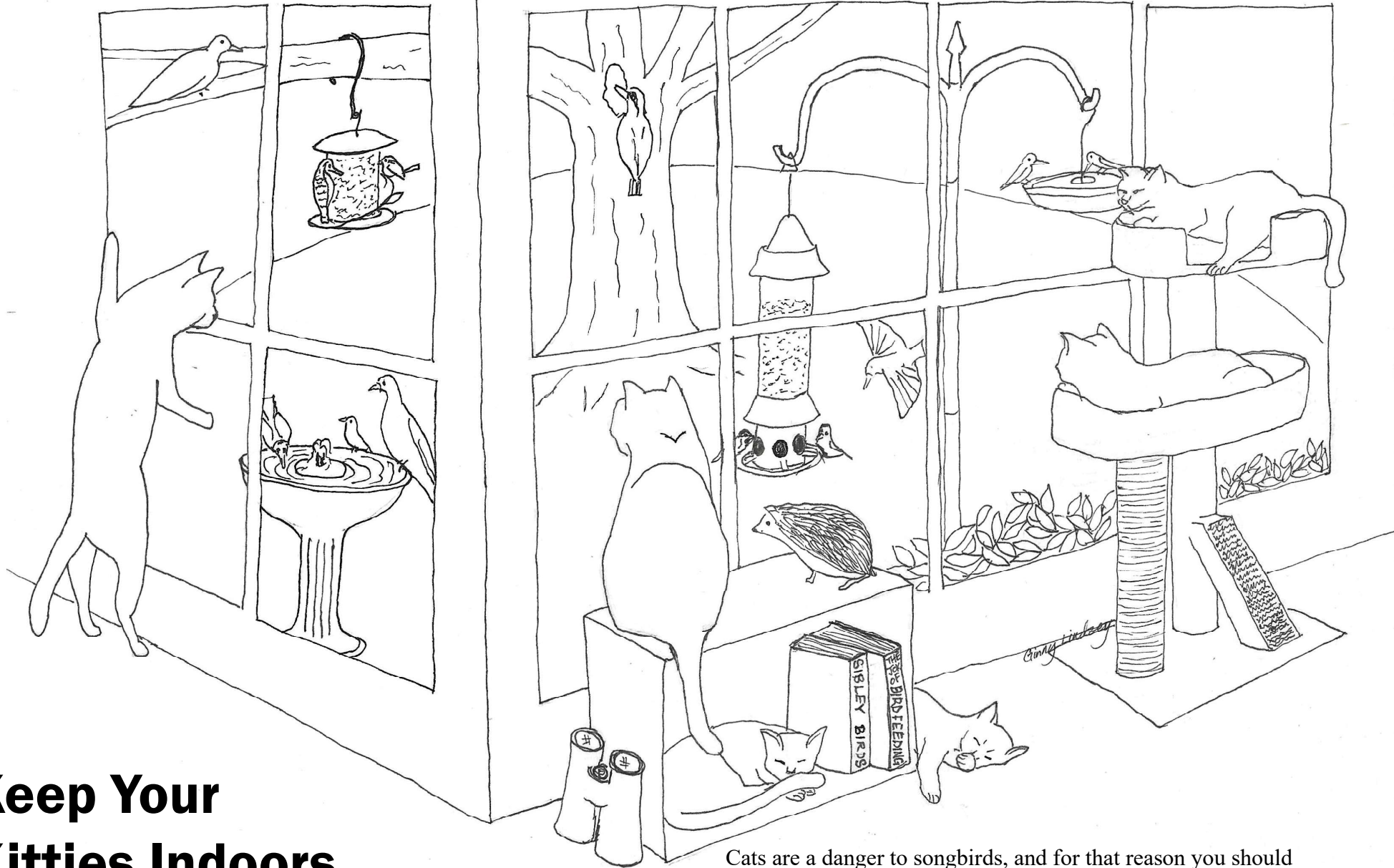
**YES**

Leave the area, the baby bird is now safe!

**NO**

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**Color me!**



## Keep Your Kitties Indoors

You may find it hard to believe your sweet kitty would ever catch a bird. If she did, she probably wouldn't eat it. She'd probably just play with it and leave it on your doorstep to show off her great catch.

Cats are a danger to songbirds, and for that reason you should never allow your kitty outside with free access to birds and other wildlife. It's also healthier for her to remain inside the house. How about feeding the birds so your cat can safely watch from indoors? Provide your cat hours of entertainment by setting up a bird feeding station outside with a comfortable indoor viewing area.