



Wingwatch: Being Smart Around Urban Birds

Watch the birds around and select what is best for them.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1. What action would you take upon discovering an intact bird egg resting on the street corner beneath a tree where a nest is located?

- A) Leave the egg where it is and inform the local authorities about the nest.
- B) Gently move the egg back to the nest in the tree.
- C) Take the egg home and try to hatch it in an incubator.

2. As you observe from your room's window, a raptor approaches the hatchling bird, which has just opened its eyes and lacks developed feathers or body parts. What action would you take in this situation?

- A) Rush outside to scare away the raptor and protect the hatchling bird.
- B) Call a local wildlife rescue organization for assistance.
- C) Observe from a safe distance, allowing nature to take its course.

3. As you witness from your vantage point, a nestling bird with partially developed feathers attempts to take flight but lands on the streets, unable to return to its nest. Street dogs and cats start chasing the vulnerable bird. What course of action would you take in this scenario?

- A) Rush out to scare away the dogs and cats and attempt to return the bird to its nest.
- B) Call a local animal rescue organization for immediate assistance.
- C) Keep a safe distance and monitor the situation while seeking help from adults or authorities.

4. While studying in your room on a sweltering summer afternoon, with the window ajar and the fan whirring, you notice a fledgling bird fly in and become trapped inside. What steps would you take in this situation?

- A) Try to catch the bird and release it outside through the window.
- B) Close the window and turn off the fan to prevent the bird from getting injured.
- C) Turn off the fan, leave the room and wait for the bird to find its own way out.



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5. As January unfolds and you witness the sky dotted with kites in celebration of Makar Sankranti, you spot a bird entangled in kite string (manja), hanging upside down from a tree branch. How would you assist the bird in this situation?

- A) Attempt to climb the tree and untangle the bird yourself.
- B) Call a local animal rescue organization or wildlife authority for assistance.
- C) Leave the bird and string alone, assuming it will resolve itself.

6. On a scorching summer afternoon, you glance out of your kitchen window to find a barn owl seeking shelter in the darkness of the duct area to escape the sun. What action would be appropriate in this situation?

- A) Approach the owl cautiously and attempt to relocate it to a cooler, shaded area.
- B) Leave the owl undisturbed, as it has found a natural shelter from the heat.
- C) Contact a local wildlife rescue organization or authority for assistance in assessing and aiding the owl.

7. Upon returning from vacation, you discover your home overrun by pests, leading you to set glue traps for rats. However, inadvertently, a bird becomes ensnared in one. What steps should you take to rescue the bird?

- A) Seek guidance from a local wildlife rescue organization or animal control for assistance.
- B) Leave the bird trapped and hope it frees itself.
- C) Attempt to free the bird from the glue trap on your own.

8. During a long-overdue visit to your relative's home, you notice a Rose Ringed Parakeet kept as a pet in a cage. They claim to have rescued it and state that it doesn't fly away even when released. How would you respond to this situation?

- A) You should counsel your relative on the significance of enabling the Rose Ringed Parakeet to thrive freely in its natural environment, emphasizing that keeping a native bird as a pet violates the Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.
- B) Accept your relative's explanation and enjoy your visit without further intervention.
- C) Recommend contacting a local wildlife rehabilitation centre for guidance on the parakeet's rehabilitation.

9. While waiting to cross the road, you witness a speeding vehicle collide with a flying bird, causing it to strike the car's windshield and fall onto the road. How would you assist the injured bird?

- A) Immediately approach the bird, attempt to move it to a safer location and give it water & food.
- B) Move the bird to a safer location and call a local wildlife rescue organization or take it to the vet.
- C) Leave the bird undisturbed and contact relevant authorities to report the incident.

10. While heading home from school, you come across a large, injured, and dehydrated bird from the raptor family lying on the street. What action would you take concerning the bird?

- A) Offer the bird some water and food, then continue walking on your way to home.
- B) Call a local wildlife rescue organization or animal control for assistance.
- C) Attempt to move the bird to a safer location away from the street.

11. You discover that your neighbour is providing food to a group of wild parakeets that visit his balcony twice daily. What advice would you offer to him regarding this situation?

- A) Recommend gradually reducing the amount of food provided to discourage dependency on human feeding.
- B) Suggest contacting local wildlife authorities to learn about appropriate ways to support wild parakeets.
- C) Advise against feeding wild birds as it may disrupt their natural foraging behaviour and lead to overpopulation.

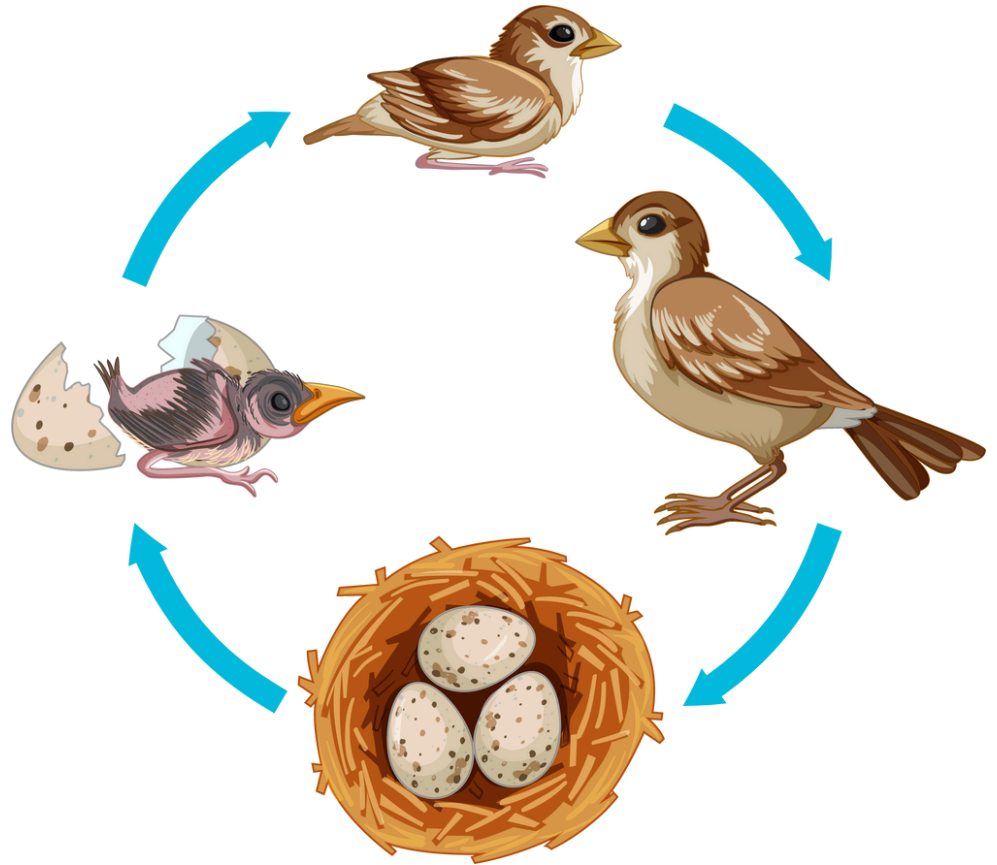
12. While on a nearby village trail, you observe local children using slingshots to harm birds. Upon inquiry, they mention their actions are for amusement. In this scenario, how would you educate them about the importance of wildlife conservation and compassion towards animals?

- A) Ignore the situation and walk away without addressing the children's behaviour.
- B) Join the children in their activities and encourage them to continue harming birds for amusement.
- C) Organize educational activities or workshops focused on bird conservation and responsible behaviour towards animals.

Answer Key

- 1 - B
- 2 - C
- 3 - A
- 4 - C
- 5 - B
- 6 - B
- 7 - A
- 8 - C
- 9 - B
- 10 - B
- 11 - A
- 12 - C

Life cycle of a bird



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