North American Backyard Birds

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. An adult male at a feeder is bright red with a pointed crest and black feathers around the bill. Which bird fits?
   A. Northern Cardinal
   B. American Robin
   C. House Finch
   D. Scarlet Tanager

2. A familiar lawn bird stands upright, then runs and pauses. It has a reddish orange breast and a dark head. Which species fits?
   A. Baltimore Oriole
   B. Eastern Bluebird
   C. American Robin
   D. Red-breasted Nuthatch

3. A large feeder bird has a blue crest, a white face, and a dark collar. Its wings and tail are patterned blue, black, and white. Which species is it?
   A. Steller’s Jay
   B. Blue Jay
   C. California Scrub-Jay
   D. Eastern Bluebird

4. A small bird visiting an eastern North American garden hovers at flowers. In good light, the adult male’s throat shines ruby red. Which bird fits?
   A. Tree Swallow
   B. Chimney Swift
   C. American Goldfinch
   D. Ruby-throated Hummingbird

5. A slender gray-brown dove has black spots on its wings and a long pointed tail. Which bird is it?
   A. Rock Pigeon
   B. Mourning Dove
   C. Eurasian Collared-Dove
   D. Common Ground Dove

6. In summer a small adult male has a bright yellow body, a black forehead, and black wings with white markings. It feeds on seeds in a North American yard. Which species fits?

A. American Goldfinch
B. Pine Siskin
C. Yellow Warbler
D. Evening Grosbeak

7. At a Canadian feeder, a tiny bird has a black cap and bib separated by round white cheeks. It lacks the white eyebrow stripe of a Mountain Chickadee. Which bird fits?

A. White-breasted Nuthatch
B. Tufted Titmouse
C. Mountain Chickadee
D. Black-capped Chickadee

8. A compact bird with a white face and breast and a bluish-gray back works headfirst down a tree trunk. Which feeder visitor best matches?

A. Downy Woodpecker
B. Brown Creeper
C. White-breasted Nuthatch
D. Black-capped Chickadee

9. A small gray bird with a soft gray crest, a dark patch just above its bill, and rusty color on its flanks comes to an eastern U.S. feeder. Which bird fits?

A. Tufted Titmouse
B. Black-capped Chickadee
C. Cedar Waxwing
D. Blue-headed Vireo

10. A reddish brown wren has a long white eyebrow and a warm buff underside. It often holds its tail cocked in brush near an eastern U.S. porch. Which species fits?

A. Brown Creeper
B. House Wren
C. Winter Wren
D. Carolina Wren

11. You are choosing between Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers based on a photograph. Which note about the bill supports a Downy Woodpecker identification?

A. A long, strongly downcurved bill
B. A bill about as long as the head
C. A bill markedly shorter than the head is long
D. A bill that widens toward the tip

12. A small ground-feeding bird has a pale pink bill, a slate-gray back, and a sharply contrasting white belly. It flashes white outer tail feathers as it flies. Which bird fits?

A. Chipping Sparrow
B. Dark-eyed Junco
C. White-throated Sparrow
D. Song Sparrow

13. A woodpecker has black spots across a pale underside and a dark crescent on its chest. It often feeds on the ground and flashes a white rump when it takes off. Which identification fits these clues together?

A. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
B. Red-bellied Woodpecker
C. Hairy Woodpecker
D. Northern Flicker

14. An adult male finch shows reddish color concentrated on the face and upper breast, with gray-brown streaks down the sides of its pale belly. The observers are comparing House Finch and Purple Finch. What best supports House Finch?

A. The face and upper breast carry the red, while the flanks remain strongly streaked.
B. Raspberry red extends over the back and wings as a broad wash.
C. The sides show a smooth, unmarked wash of color.
D. A white rump flashes during every flight.

15. A group of slender brown birds feeds on berries in a shrub. One has a pointed crest, a black mask edged in white, and a yellow band at the tail tip. Which bird matches all three field marks?

A. Northern Cardinal
B. Tufted Titmouse
C. Cedar Waxwing
D. European Starling