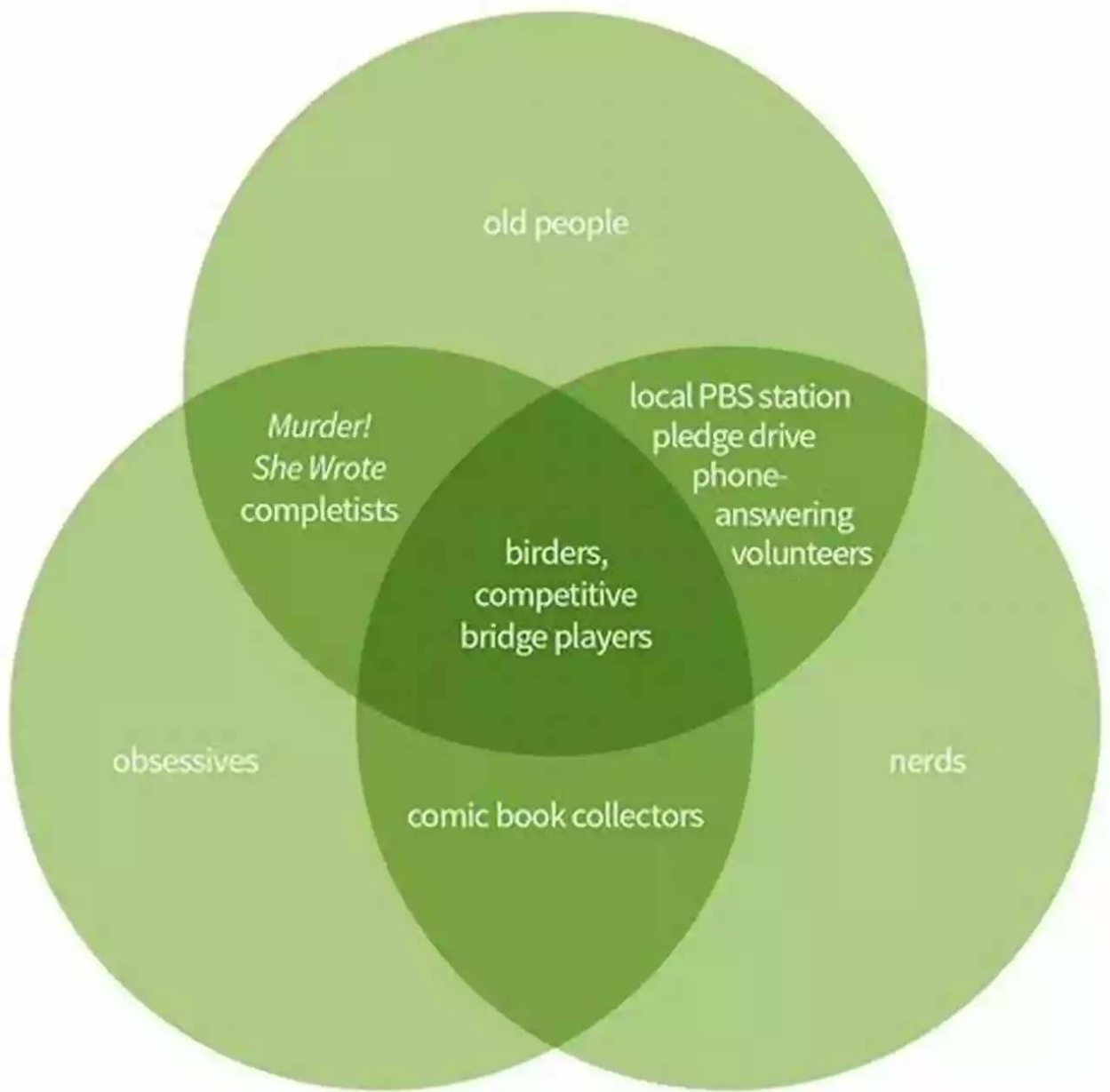


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The Fascinating World of Bird Color Changes

When it comes to the animal kingdom, birds are renowned for their incredible and diverse plumage, captivating birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts worldwide.

One of the most intriguing phenomena related to bird plumage is the ability of some species to undergo color changes throughout their lives. In this article, we will delve into the mesmerizing world of bird color changes, focusing on examples found in the United States.

Understanding Bird Plumage

Bird plumage refers to the feathers that cover the bird's body, wings, and tail. These feathers are not only crucial for flight but also serve various other functions, including protection, insulation, camouflage, and display. Plumage can come in a myriad of colors and patterns, each serving a specific purpose depending on the species.



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Seasonal Color Changes

Many bird species exhibit seasonal color changes, allowing them to adapt to their environment and enhance their survival chances. For instance, the American Goldfinch, a common sight in the United States, undergoes a brilliant transformation during the breeding season. Males develop vibrant yellow

feathers, while females sport a more subdued olive-brown plumage. These changes help male goldfinches attract mates and provide camouflage for nesting purposes.

Another spectacular example is the Northern Cardinal, a beloved backyard bird across the eastern United States. Adult males flaunt their iconic bright red feathers, a true symbol of beauty. Interestingly, during the molt process, cardinals shed their vibrant plumage, temporarily appearing duller and more brownish, which helps them avoid being easily detected by predators.

Age-Related Color Changes

Not only do birds experience color changes based on the season, but some species also undergo transformations as they mature. The Bald Eagle, a majestic national symbol, is an excellent example. Juvenile bald eagles typically possess a brown plumage, which gradually transitions to the characteristic white head and tail as they reach adulthood.

Similarly, the Red-tailed Hawk, a widespread raptor in North America, displays noticeable variations in plumage depending on its age. Younger hawks exhibit a predominantly brown color, while older adults showcase a striking reddish-brown tail that gives them their name.

Molting and Feather Replacement

Birds continuously replace their feathers through the process of molting, which occurs at various times of the year. Molting allows birds to maintain their feathers in optimal condition, as feathers endure significant wear and tear. During molting, birds shed their old feathers and grow new ones, sometimes resulting in temporary changes in their appearance.

For example, the Blue Jay, a boisterous and striking bird found throughout North America, experiences a molt during late summer, causing its vibrant blue feathers to appear worn and faded. This transitional stage can confuse observers who may mistake the molting bird for a different species.

Ecosystem Influences on Bird Plumage

In addition to seasonal and age-related color changes, bird plumage can also be influenced by their surrounding ecosystem. Different regions of the United States offer diverse habitats and environmental conditions, leading to unique adaptations in bird coloration.

For instance, the Sage Thrasher, native to the arid regions of the western United States, showcases a grayish-brown plumage with intricate cryptic patterns that closely resemble the vegetation in its habitat. This camouflage helps the bird blend seamlessly into its surroundings, making it difficult for predators to spot.

The colorful world of bird plumage never ceases to amaze us. Whether it's seasonal changes, age-related transformations, or adaptations to specific ecosystems, bird coloration is a captivating subject that reveals nature's ingenuity. Exploring these color shifts can give us a deeper understanding of these magnificent creatures and their remarkable ability to adapt.



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Birdwatching is the most popular past time in the United States and bird breeding probably close on its heels. Yet one is astounded at the lack of the general understanding of bird colors and color changes. Even on the internet there are about as many theories and explanations about bird colors as there are scientists and birdwatchers or breeders trying to explain the different phenomena, which they mostly do totally wrong or by guessing! “Bird Colors Unravelled” now for the first time explains the reasons and origin of all color changes in birds, many at the hand of new discoveries made by the author during his 40 years of studying and breeding birds.

Understanding bird colors is an interesting and fascinating subject, but very complex. The main reason for this is that the colors in birds that the human eye perceives, are actually threefold. It is either reflected or refracted light waves, but the reflected light waves according to one of two different color systems. To understand colors completely, is, therefore a hybrid science between biology, optics, chromatics, chemistry, physics, psychology and genealogy.

The reason why conditions such as leucism and melanism have a number of different explanations, and why a condition such as xanthochromism had been “created” by scientists while it actually does not exist at all, is because of scientists trying to explain the forming and display of color in birds from different scientific bases. But you can not explain the formation and display of biological, pigment based colors by optics, and you can not explain optically created colors biologically. perceived biologically and optically!

What the author has discovered and compiled is now presented to the public in an easily digestible format and explains all the different bird colors seen by bird watchers in nature, and also points scientists in exactly the right direction to revise and perfect the “Science of Avichroma”, the name that the author has given to the science of studying bird colors.

Furthermore proof is provided in this publication that all changes in bird colors are not spontaneous, new “mutations” but are caused by one or more of 8 specific defects in birds, mostly inheritable.

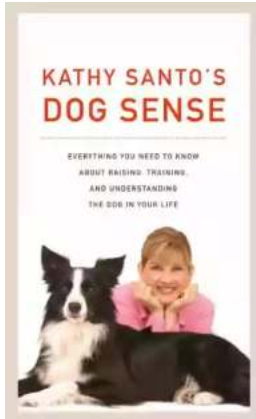
The book makes extensive use of simplified graphics and illustrations, and all facts and conditions are explained in easy steps and unscientific language. With the knowledge contained in this book, birdwatchers will now be able to fully understand the differently colored birds of the same species that they may encounter in the field.

Most of the research findings of the author related to bird colors were published for the first time in the bird breeder’s newsletter, AVES, No 21 of October 1988.

Scientists can now incorporate the new discoveries about color and genetic defects in birds as described in this book, in genetic science and adapt their present knowledge bases, theories and definitions where required. They can totally rethink dominant and recessive genes, they can kiss the of xanthochromism goodbye, and look anew at the definitions of leucism and melanism. They can transfer the knowledge obtained from this publication, to other groups of living animals such as fishes, insects and even plants. Breeders breeding animals such as dogs, cats, horses and birds, will also benefit from this knowledge and can better control and speed up their breeding programs.

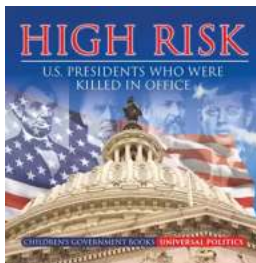
Not only does this publication establish Avichroma as the Science of Colors in Birds, but it can contribute immensely to the expansion of knowledge in other scientific fields as well.

“Bird Colors Unravelled” takes birdwatching and bird breeding to the next, exciting level!



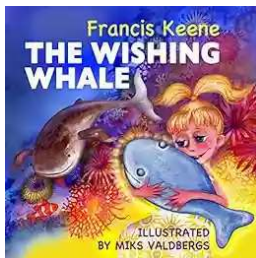
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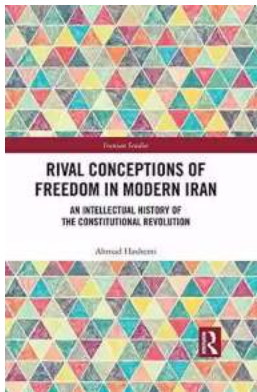
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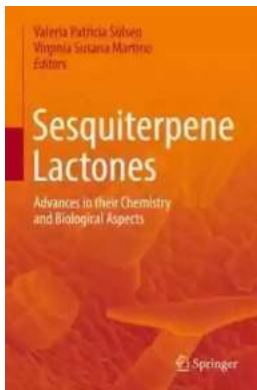
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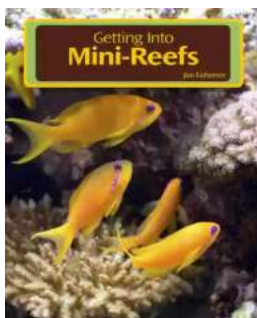
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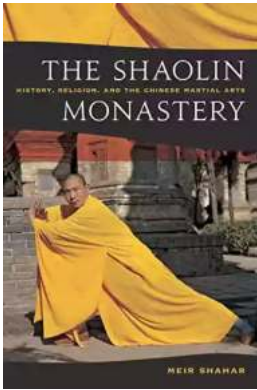
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