

SIB Answers for Game Night:

Answers:

Fake names are: Gull-Winged Delorean, Flat-Footed Booby, Nose-Ringed Parakeet, Long Haired Catbird, Pot Bellied Plover, Double Dipped Scaup, Pipe Billed Grebe, Swallowed-Tail Kite.

True or False: ALL are true statements.

- 1) Ostrich eyes are the largest of any animal that lives on land (though they can't rival some of the massive creatures that inhabit the depths of the sea).
Approximately the size of a billiard ball, their eyes are actually bigger than their brains.
- 2) Cardinals (along with several other bird species) sometimes cover themselves in crushed or living ants, smearing them over their feathers, or allowing living ants to crawl on them. While scientists still aren't sure what the purpose of "anting" is, some believe the birds use the formic acid secreted during their ant bath to help get rid of lice and other parasites.
- 3) When owls catch larger animals (raccoons and rabbits, for instance), they tear them up into more manageable, bite-size pieces. But, they've also been known to simply swallow smaller animals, from insects to mice, whole. Owls then regurgitate pellets full of indigestible elements of their meal like animal bones and fur.
- 4) When they nap in groups, the ducks on the perimeter keep guard by sleeping with one eye open. While the other ducks sleep more deeply, those on the outside of the circle also keep one side of their brain awake, even as they doze, so that predators won't be able to sneak up on them.
- 5) Believed to be the first domesticated bird, pigeons were used for millennia to deliver messages, including important military information, and the outcome of the early Olympic games. Though non-avian mail delivery has become more popular over time, pigeons were used as recently as World War II to carry select messages.