

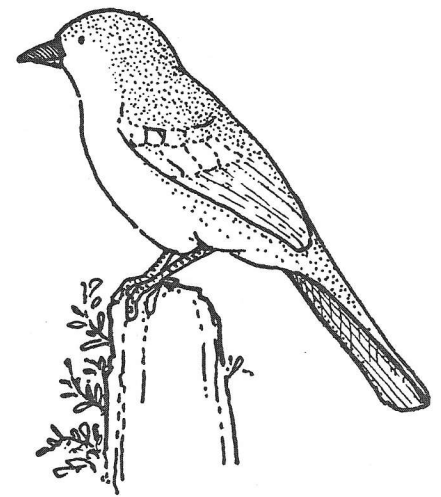


# Virtuoso Warblers

Mockingbirds deserve their name. These virtuoso songbirds don't really have a song of their own, but they can mimic the songs of other birds. Researchers have found that most mockingbirds can learn up to 400 songs in a mating season. One naturalist heard a mockingbird imitate the songs of 32 different birds in 10 minutes!

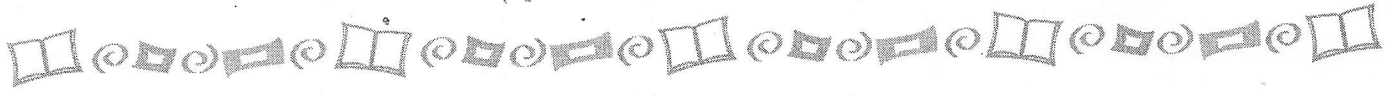
That's not all. Mockingbirds can imitate many sounds other than birdcalls. They have been known to duplicate animal sounds such as those made by squirrels and frogs. Mockingbirds have also imitated sirens, washing machines, and alarm clocks.

Why do mockingbirds mock? Most of the singing is done by males who use their large repertoire to impress females during the mating season. Females know that a male with a large repertoire has been able to survive for a long time.



Read the parts of the outline that are done. Then add facts from the passage to complete the outline.

- I. Mimic other birds
  - A. Up to 400 songs in a mating season
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Mimic other sounds
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Nonliving things
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Purpose of mocking other birds
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_



# Pages, Please



You'll find pages in books, but you'll also find them in Washington, D.C. These pages are young people who work in the United States Senate. Their job is to run errands for the senators. Pages deliver messages, carry mail, and even get glasses of water. When pages aren't working for the senators, they attend school. Who are the senate pages? They are teenagers at least 16 years of age who are chosen for this honorary position by one of the senators from their state. Two qualifications for a page are good grades and leadership ability.

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- I. What Senate pages do
  - A. Run errands
    - 1. Deliver messages
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Who senate pages are
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Chosen by senators from their state
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_