

JUNIOR TREASURE CHEST

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WHAT BIRD IS IT?

by Ruth Dixon and Frances Badger



Rules for Contest

Guess the bird's name and color the picture neatly in its true colors. Send within one week to Ruth Dixon, Junior Treasure Chest, Family Weekly, 153 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill. Be sure to send your name, age, and address with your page. Prizes will be awarded to two boys and two girls for the best entries. Try your luck! It's fun!

THIS BIRD IS A _____
 MY NAME _____ AGE _____
 STREET _____ CITY _____
 ZONE _____ STATE _____
 MY NEWSPAPER IS _____

Here is a sweet singer who sounds like a robin with a cultivated voice. He is a beautifully dressed member of the finch family. When you color him in his true colors you will see how pretty he is. Though his wife and the little ones look more subdued, the young male birds are soon decked out in father's fine colors. When his wife is on her five greenish-blue eggs, he watches over her very lovingly. His scientific name is *HEDYMELES LUDOVICIANUS*.

Once a year he flies from the Far North way down the East Coast. He is retiring in his habits and stays near his nest in the woods. His nest is so casual that sometimes the eggs spill out! But he tries to keep the nest very clean. With his strong beak he eats lots of potato bugs and other pests that plague farmers. They don't even mind his fondness for peas because when he has emptied the pods he tidies them up into little piles.

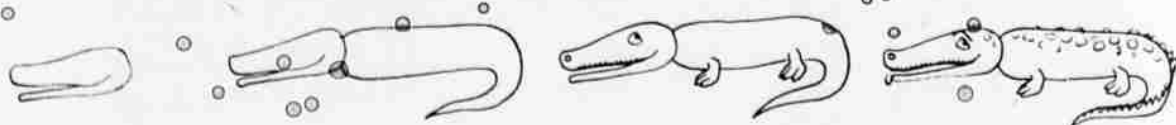
What a gentlemanly bird he is! Who is he?

Twenty-seventh Color Contest (May 19, 1957)

SOLUTION: Ruby-throated Hummingbird. **COLOR:** Golden green with touches of brownish purple on wings and tail. Male has bright red spot on throat. **WINNERS:** Beverly Sanders, Anderson, S. C.; Mary Annis Hughey, Springfield, Mo.; Edward G. Myers, Salem Ore.; Tommy Betsinger, Oviedo, Fla.

Let's Draw a Crocodile!

Ann Davidow



The beast that has the largest smile
 Is known to be the crocodile.

Yet in the zoos and jungle rivers,
 Just seeing him gives some the shivers.

For there's a glint about his grin
 That makes him look as warm as sin.

He's thinking of some luscious treat:
 That we look good enough to eat!