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23. YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD
(Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)

This is a noisy, strikingly-colored blackbird of middle and western North America. After they have raised their families in the reedy marshes, the yellow-heads scatter in flocks over the western plains and often associate with redwings and other kinds of blackbirds. While they eat some grain, such as wild rice and occasionally corn, oats and wheat, their chief food is insects, especially grasshoppers and locusts. The nest, a large, thick-brimmed fabric slung from reeds at no considerable elevation above the water, contains three or four pale, grayish green eggs.

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1. MOCKINGBIRD
(Mimus polyglottos)

Like the Nightingale, this prince of singers is clad in sombre hues. While it is known chiefly as an expert imitator of sounds and of the songs of other birds, yet the Mockingbird has a marvellous song of its own, a medley of chirps, warbles and trills which is indescribable. Like most wonderful songsters, it often sings at night, especially if there be a full moon. Its nest, a bulky, inartistic affair of twigs, grasses, leaves, etc., with from four to six bluish green eggs, is built in bushes and low trees. Its insect food makes it a bird of great economic value to man.

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BELTED KINGFISHER
(Ceryle alcyon)

This vigorous bird lives by streams and ponds and may be known by its blue-and-white plumage, its harsh, rattling call, and the splash with which it dives after small fish. It tunnels into a vertical bank and lays six white eggs at the farther end. It does but little harm to fish preserves as it does not restrict itself to a diet of fish, but, if opportunity offers, eats grasshoppers, crickets and beetles of the June bug family and in localities, where rivers are few it lives on beetles, lizards, etc. It occasionally adds a mouse to its bill of fare.

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