ARBOREAL BIRDS

Arboreal birds are those whose life cycles are associated with trees and shrubs, feeding in the foliage and nesting in tree cavities. This group includes some of the most beautifully colored birds, such as the Fruit Dove, which feeds on fruits and berries in the canopy. Others, like the woodpecker, feed on insects hidden within the tree bark. Some birds, such as the parrot, have adapted to human habitats, whereas others (Kestrels, Honey Buzzards) are more typical of open grasslands and lightly wooded areas.

GROUND FEEDERS

Ground feeders are a diverse group of birds that are primarily terrestrial and feed on the ground. They include large birds like Pheasants, Pigeons, Crows to medium-sized birds like Babblers, Mynas and Starlings. Most ground feeders are diurnal, active during the day, and can be found in a variety of habitats, from forests to grasslands. Some birds, like the Shrike, are predators that rely on their keen eyesight to spot prey on the ground.

WETLAND BIRDS

Wetland birds are those that spend a significant amount of their life cycle in wetlands, which can be identified by the presence of water. This category includes ducks, geese, swans, and other waterfowl that feed on the surface of the water or in the shallow waters. Some birds, like the Coot, are also known for their diving behavior. Wetland birds are often seen in farmlands and fields, where there are large congregations of waterfowl in winter.

AERIAL FEEDERS

Aerial feeders are birds that fly and hunt for their food. Swallows and Swifts are insectivorous birds that hunt and feed in flight. They have long, pointed wings and can often be seen gliding gracefully through the air. Other aerial feeders, like the Cuckoo or Warbler, are more adept at perching and hunting for insects on the ground. Aerial feeders like these are common in open areas and habitats where there are large open spaces, such as parks and fields.

BUDDING BIRDS

Birds of Prey or Ranchers hunt and feed on other animals, including smaller birds. They are large birds with sharp bills and talons, and are often seen soaring high in the sky, above forests and other habitats. Some birds, like the Shikra, are also known for their keen eyesight and ability to hunt from a perch. Others, like the Hawk, are more active during the day and can be found in a variety of habitats, from forests to grasslands.

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