

### GO

Do you like birds and want to learn more about them? Wimberley's Patsy Glenn Refuge is a place to visit to see and hear many birds. The Refuge is a place birds love because they have plenty of food, **wetlands** that provide water, and a safe place to hang out. Bring your binoculars to the bird viewing station. The birds can't see you, but you can see them.

### KNOW

#### Chimney Swifts (*Chaetura pelagica*)

- A Chimney Swift is a small bird with long, narrow curved wings and a short tail. Some people think the Chimney Swift looks like a flying bow and arrow.
- These sleek flyers eat, sleep, and do just about everything while in the air, except raise their young.
- Chimney Swifts like to build their nests in human-made stone chimneys. That is why they are called Chimney Swifts!
- Nowadays, modern chimneys block the entry. Swifts cannot make their nests inside, so towers are built to help them.
- Volunteers at Patsy Glenn Refuge built a special tower that is a perfect place for a Chimney Swift nest. Can you find the tower?



### GROW

#### Name That Flock

Different birds have collective nouns to name large groups. Many flock names describe their behavior or personalities. Match the group names with the birds.

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| 1. _____ A scream   | 4. _____ A scold |
| 2. _____ A drumming | 5. _____ A hover |
| 3. _____ A tribe    | 6. _____ A mural |

- A. **Painted Buntings** - Vivid colors of blue, green, yellow, and red
- B. **Ladder-backed Woodpeckers** - Rapidly tap trees with their bill to find larvae
- C. **Chimney Swifts** - Listen for their high-pitched chattering call
- D. **Chipping Sparrows** - Work together to find food in grass or at feeders
- E. **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds** - Seem to hang in mid-air at the feeder
- F. **Blue Jays** - Seem to fuss at the other birds at the feeder

**How many of these birds can you identify at the Refuge?**

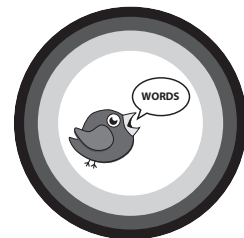


Answers: 1.C 2.B 3.D 4.F 5.E 6.A

#### Bird Words

A **kettle** is a group of birds wheeling and circling in the air, as if they are being stirred in pot of water.

A **murmuration** is a large mass of birds flying in a twisting, turning coordinated pattern.



Patsy Glenn Refuge Wimberley, TX

