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SPECIES AT RISK

EASTERN LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

status: endangered in Canada

scientific name: *Lanius ludovicianus ssp.*



Shrikes are **carnivores** that eat insects, frogs, snakes, mice, and even some other small birds. Shrikes are strong flyers and can carry prey that weigh even more than they do!

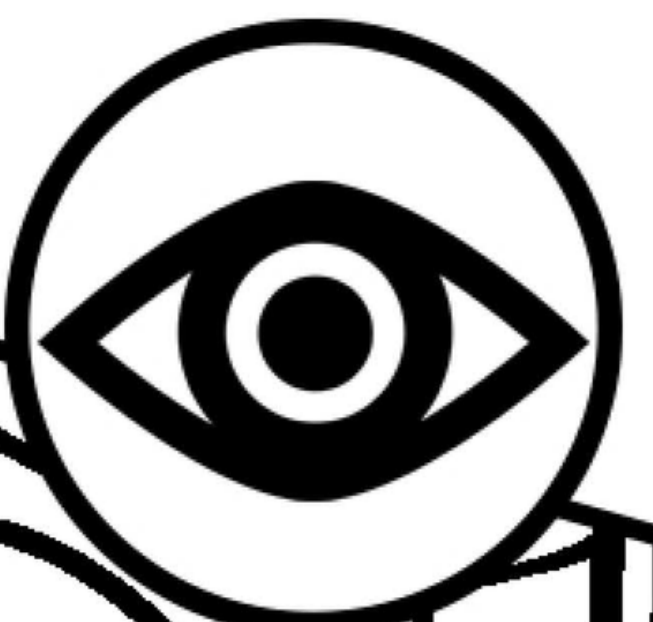


The eastern loggerhead shrikes that live in Canada have to **migrate** south in the winter because they can't find enough food when insects and rodents are hibernating.

Loggerhead shrikes live in open grassy fields. Scattered bushes and trees make great perches from which they can hunt prey on the ground. One special type of habitat like this is called an **alvar**.



Loggerhead shrikes have black feathers around their eyes that looks like a mask. The rest of their feathers, called **plumage**, are grey, black, and white.



If a **food item** is too big to eat in one bite, a shrike will **impale** their food on a sharp object to hold it. They will use their hooked, hawk-like beak to rip off bite-sized pieces.

FIND THE MATCH!

DRAW A LINE JOINING THE WORDS ON THE LEFT
WITH THEIR CORRECT MATCH ON THE RIGHT!

1. Alvar

2. Plumage

3. Impale

4. Migration

5. Carnivore

6. Hunting

7. Mask

8. Conservation

9. Hawk-like

10. Habitat

A. Eating insects, frogs, and mice makes shrikes a...

B. Saving a group of animals is called...

C. This beak shape helps them eat their food...

D. Heading down South in the winter to escape the cold

E. Grey, black, and white feathers on a shrike...

F. We can help shrikes by protecting this for them...

G. A special type of grassland habitat that shrikes like...

H. Trees make good perches for this activity...

I. The black feathers around their face look like a...

J. Something shrikes will do to their large food items...

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Answers: 1. G 2. E 3. J 4. D 5. A 6. H 7. I 8. B 9. C 10. F



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