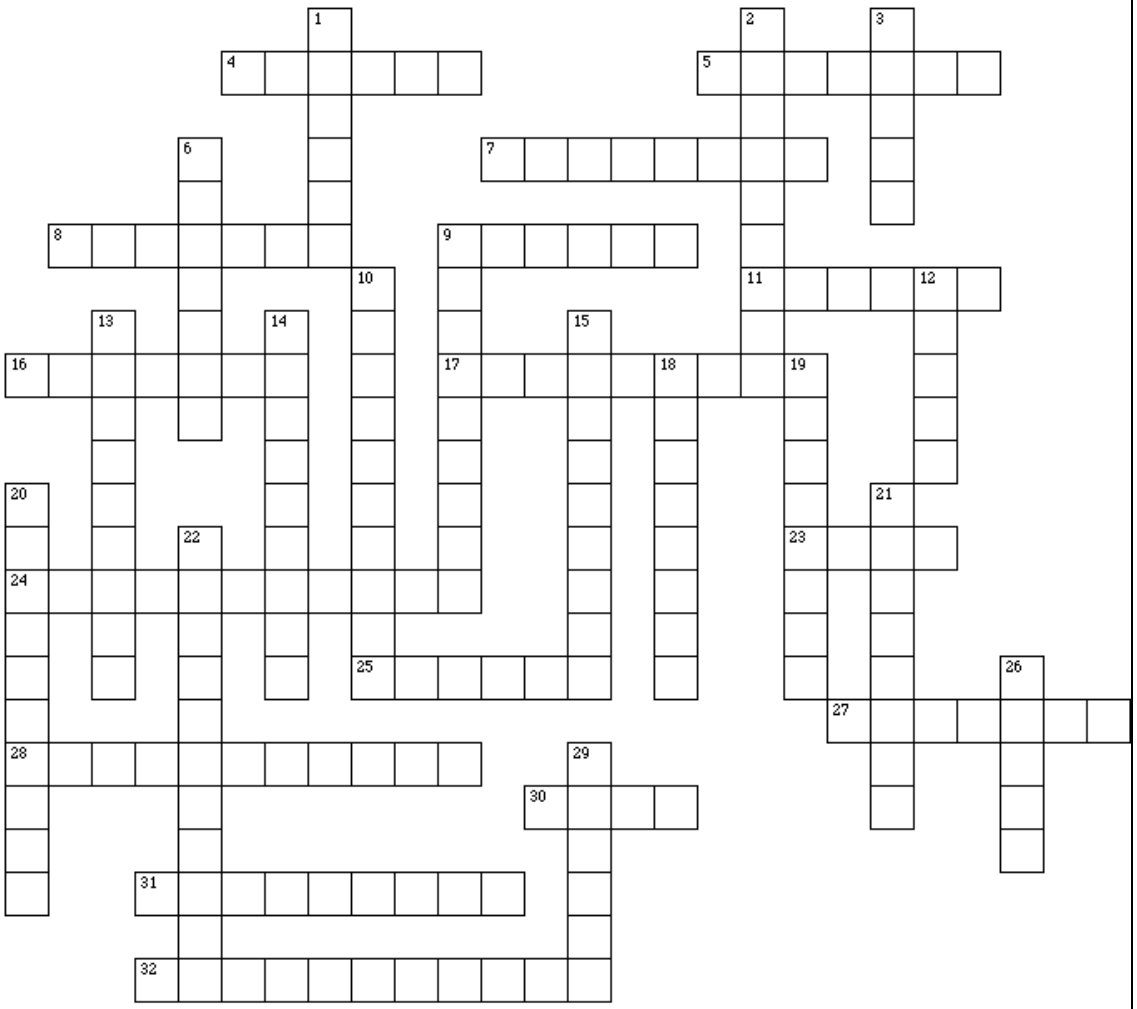
Biology 452, Bird Terminology Crossword



ACROSS

4 Upper mandible extends past & is bent over the tip of the lower mandible.
5 Ducks like Mallards tip their heads underwater to feed this way.
7 Name for the short feathers around the eye or beak of some birds.
8 Middle tail feathers are much longer than the others; as in a pheasant.
9 Tail's shape if all of the tail feathers are the same length.
11 Method of capturing prey on the wing; ie. while flying.
16 Bill has a saw-like or tooth-like edge, as in a merganser.
17 Bill that is wider than high, as in a duck.
23 Lower back region of a bird, just above the tail.
24 First toe faces backwards/typical of passerines.
25 Term for separate webbing on toes, as seen in grebes.
27 Bill has a nick on the sides of the upper mandible, as in the American Robin.
28 Diet based on the sugary fluid found in flowers.
30 Area that surrounds the nostrils on the beak of a bird.
31 Feet with enlarged, highly curved claws, as seen in owls & hawk.
32 Feet with webbing that doesn't reach to the tip of the toes.

DOWN

1 Tail feathers increase in length from the middle to the outermost pair, in abrupt gradations.
2 Bill has a series of tooth-like ridges, along its outer margins.
3 Set of feathers on the "thumb" of the wing.
6 Bill has the shape of a cone, as in a sparrow.
9 2nd & 3rd toes are joined at the base, seen in kingfishers.
10 Toes 2 & 3 face forward, toes 1 & 4 face backward.
12 Term for bird's bill that tapers to a sharp point, seen in warblers.
13 Term for the flight feathers on the hand.
14 Middle toe's claw has a comb-like outer margin.
15 Diet based on seeds; some birds have specialized bill that cracks open the seed's shell.
18 Iridescent area on the wing of most of the non-diving ducks.
19 Beak has a strong downward curve.
20 Tail feathers increase in length gradually, from the middle to its outermost pair.
21 Diet that includes a mixture of plant & animal matter.
22 Term for the webbing observed between the toes of cormorants.
26 Tail that is less than the length of the body.
29 Term for bird's bill that is circular in cross-section, as in a hummingbird.