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The Hunt for the Nightingale

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Bird Facts

Directions: Fill in the blanks to complete each bird fact.

(Hint: Your copy of *The Hunt for the Nightingale* includes a bird fact from Jasper and Rosie's *Book of Birds* at the beginning of each chapter.)

1. _____ are very difficult to spot.
2. A group of nightingales is called a "_____."
3. Nightingales build cup-shaped _____ close to the ground.
4. Bald eagles can catch their _____ in midair if they need to.
5. Some _____ can turn their heads more than 270 degrees.
6. Pigeons are thought to be one of the most _____ birds on Earth.
7. _____ make good thieves.
8. The collective noun for jackdaws is a "_____" or a "_____."
9. _____ molt their brown feathers for white in winter to stay camouflaged in the changing weather.
10. Only the _____ can fly backward.
11. _____ can have wings two times the size of their body.
12. Nightingale _____ spend only ten to twelve days in the nest.
13. The average lifespan of a nightingale is _____ years.
14. Nightingales are thought to be symbols of _____.
15. Long-tailed tits couldn't build their nests without the help of _____.



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Answer Key

1. Nightingales
2. watch
3. nests
4. prey
5. owls
6. intelligent
7. Jackdaws
8. clattering; train
9. Ptarmigans
10. hummingbird
11. herons
12. chicks
13. two
14. love
15. spiders