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STUFFED BIRDS

Here's a puzzle with an added layer. Write a type of bird in each set of blanks—from left to right, one letter per blank—to complete a longer word.

For example, given the pattern _ _ _ _ N _ _ _ _ , you would stuff TURKEY in the blanks to spell TURNKEY. If you can't think of a word with the pattern given, try placing various birds in the blanks to see if one of them forms a word. And if all else fails, wing it!

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| 1. R _ _ C T _ _ N _ _ _ _ | 15. I N T _ _ _ _ _ _ O U S |
| 2. G _ _ B _ _ E R _ _ _ H | 16. _ _ _ _ C K B _ O _ _ E R |
| 3. P _ _ _ H I _ _ _ T I O _ _ | 17. H A _ _ L M _ _ _ _ |
| 4. _ _ _ _ D R _ _ L _ _ I O N | 18. _ _ _ C A T I _ _ _ _ |
| 5. _ _ N O _ _ B _ _ _ K | 19. _ _ _ E E N H _ _ _ _ _ |
| 6. _ _ _ _ S S _ _ O R D | 20. _ _ E _ _ _ _ R A N T |
| 7. C _ _ _ G I R _ _ | 21. A _ _ A _ _ _ _ E S S |
| 8. _ _ R _ _ _ _ M O T H _ _ _ | 22. P R E _ _ _ U T I O _ _ _ _ |
| 9. _ _ _ N D I _ _ O R _ _ | 23. R E _ _ _ _ A R _ _ Y |
| 10. R A _ _ I _ _ A C T I _ _ _ | 24. I N _ _ _ _ _ E T |
| 11. _ _ O M _ _ G _ _ _ W _ _ | 25. _ _ R _ _ _ M _ _ M _ _ N |
| 12. B _ _ L L I _ _ E _ _ _ N _ _ | 26. _ _ _ _ _ U C T _ _ _ _ |
| 13. _ _ A R _ _ _ F F | 27. _ _ _ _ P E R A _ _ E |
| 14. _ _ L E A _ _ _ _ C _ _ | 28. A _ _ _ _ E A _ _ L _ _ |