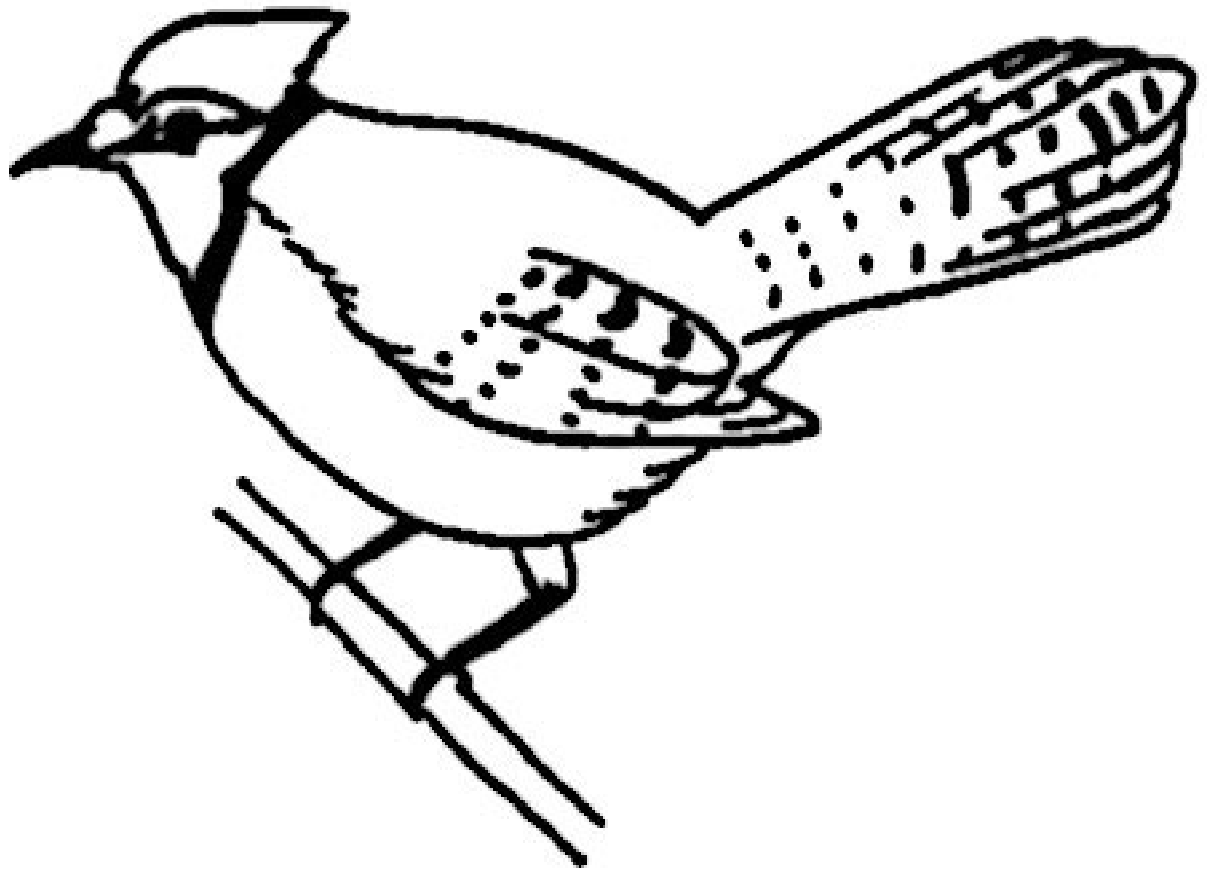


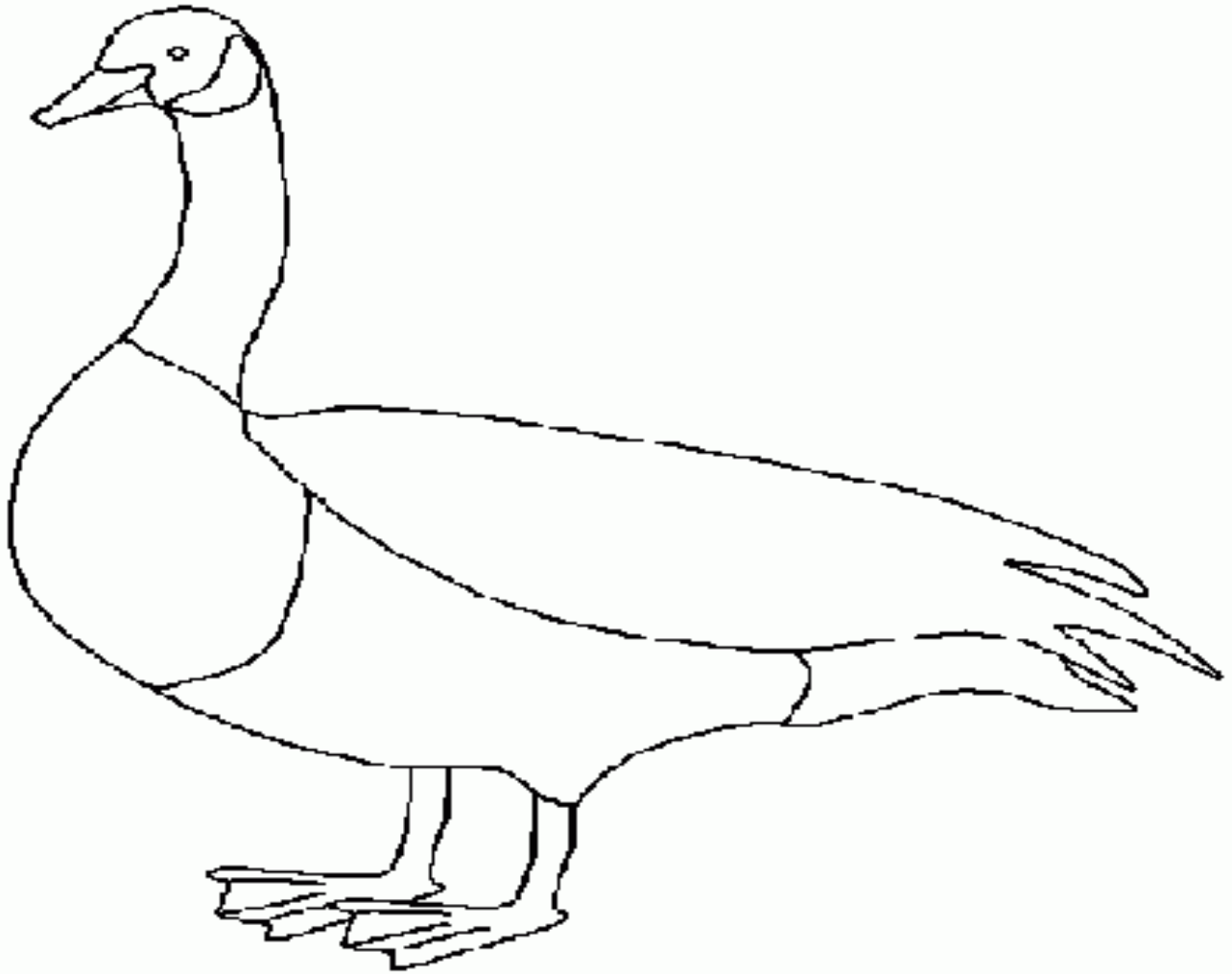
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The Blue Jay

Blue jays are a very pretty blue colour and are songbirds. They eat nuts and seeds but also will eat insects, small frogs and even the eggs of other birds! A group of blue jays are called a "Flock". Blue Jays will bury acorns and nuts in the ground and then later come and retrieve them.



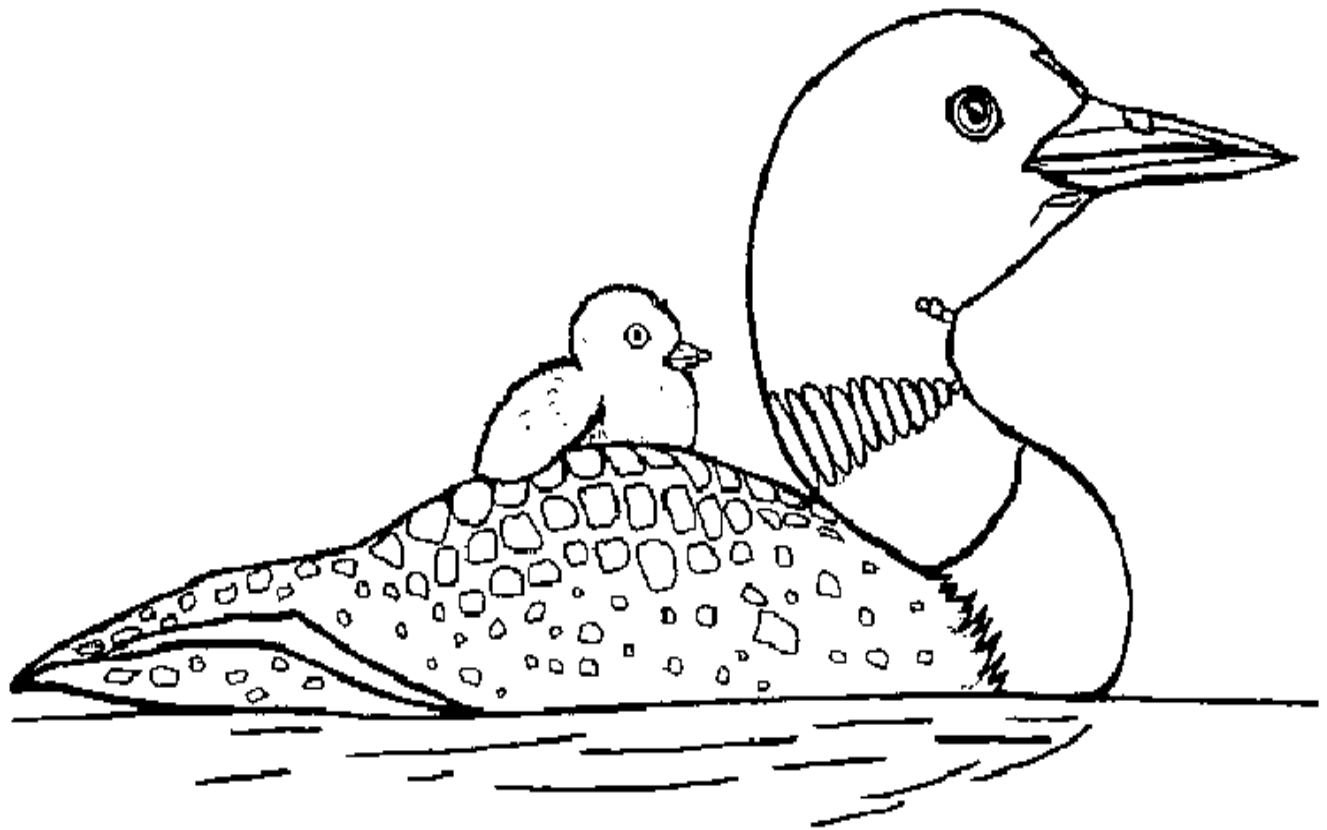
The Canada Goose

Canada geese will travel in a V-shaped flock when migrating. They like large open areas of water to protect themselves from predators. These geese will eat grass and plants and will eat waste crops and grains. When geese migrate south in the fall, they will fly to the southern United States or even Northern Mexico. Some flocks have been tracked for flying up to 1,000 kilometers in a day!



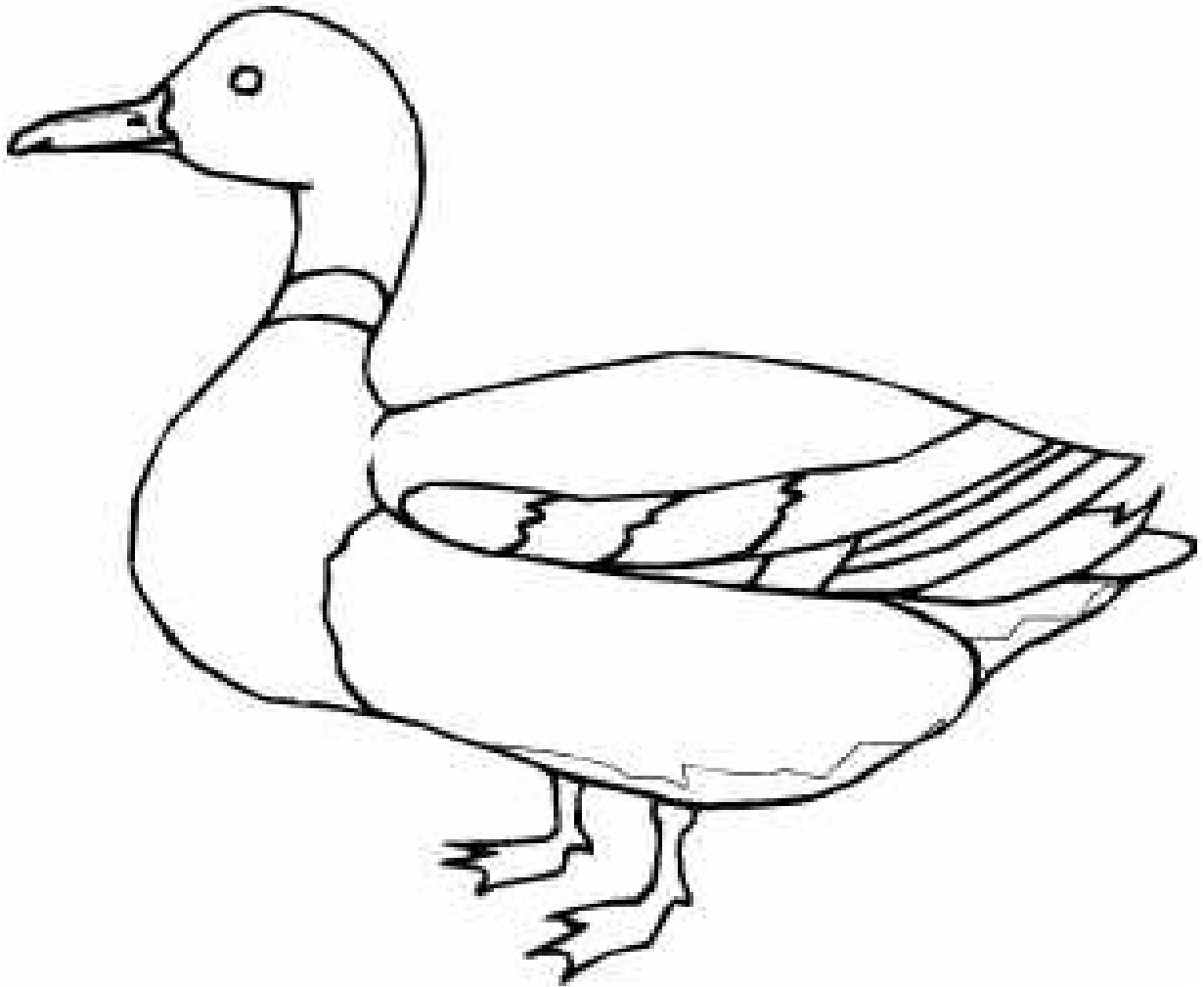
The Great Horned Owl

These owls prey on other types of birds, rodents, amphibians, fish and small mammals. In the wild, a Great Horned Owl can live up to 13 years. The female Great Horned Owls are larger than the males. Owls cannot move their eyes and must turn their neck in order to see in different directions. They have precise vision and also have pinpoint hearing allowing them to find the location of their prey.



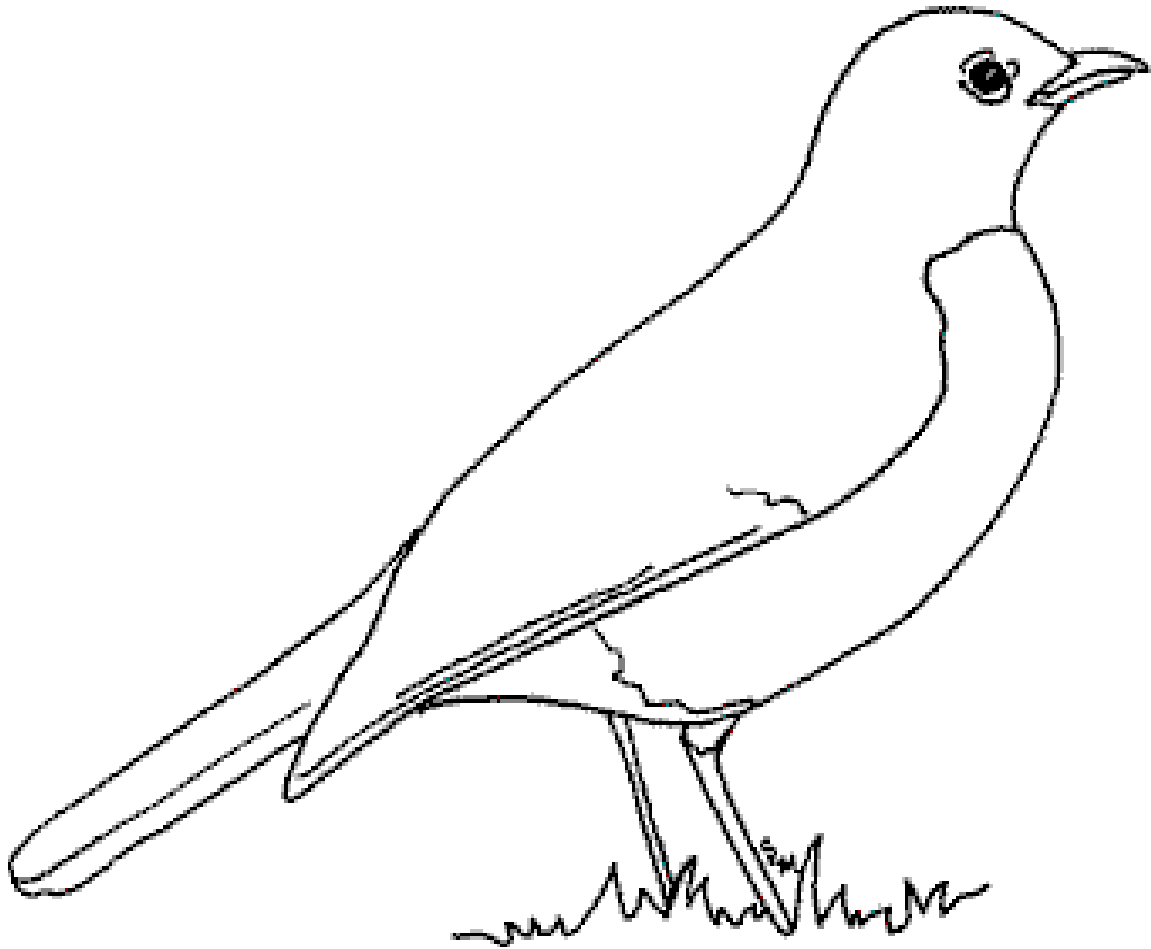
The Loon

The loon is known of its “laughing” call. These birds are excellent swimmers and divers but find it difficult to walk on land because of their weird form. They have a long and narrow beak to catch fish with and can live up to 30 years old in the wild. Loons can dive up to 200 feet in the water in search of fish and food. Loons cannot be hunted in Canada and are protected by the law.



The Mallard Duck

Mallard ducks live in wetland areas all across the Prairie Provinces in Canada. In the spring and fall, Mallard Ducks will migrate all over North America. Mallards like to eat marsh plants, different grains, and land and water insects. These ducks eat a lot of food in the fall to fatten up for the cold winter!



The Robin

Robins are known for their unique song, which they sing early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Robin's eggs are bright blue and about the size of a quarter! Once the female robin lays her eggs, she will sit on her eggs to keep them warm for 11 to 14 days until they are ready to hatch! Robins like to eat worms, berries and insects.