

A FIELD GUIDE TO URBAN FOWL



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A Field Guide to Urban Fowl is a three-color, 64-page, fully illustrated (Michael Lesniak), letterpress printed, hand-bound, 100 copy, limited edition abecedarium. It is designed to help urban readers from all walks of life find birds that might be appreciated a little closer or identify birds that are best viewed only from a distance. Attraction and repulsion are operative principles within these pages.

A reader can become an expert birder in just weeks. Thrill to learn the field marks of an Ibis Ibis. Hang out in one of the Flycatcher's secret haunts. Memorize the haunting call of a Stool Pigeon or be amazed at the bizarre and sad behaviors of the Sitting Duck.

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Addelpated Loon

Field Marks

Best represented by the male of the species. Look for premature baldness, an ugly tie with a double Windsor knot, paunchy stomach, horned-rim glasses.

Voice

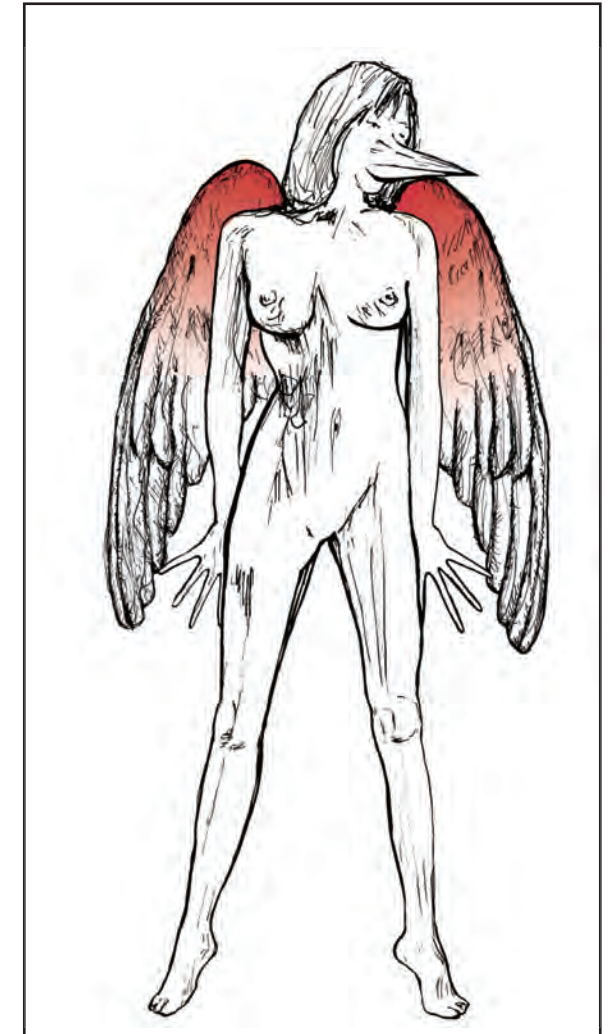
Warbling like sour milk running over broken glass.

Habitat

Lives secretly in a plaid vest with 12 pockets carrying most of his known possessions.

Behaviors

Walks around with untied shoes and manages a large, successful business.



Bed Thrasher

Field Marks

Flushed cheeks, languid smile, distended fingers or toes.

Voice

Female: soft to loud moaning, gasping for air, sometimes yelping. Male: yelling religious expletives.

Habitat

Potentially any bedroom, front room or front seat of a medium-sized or larger car.

Behaviors

Subtle feminine wiles to overt aggressiveness.