

Autumn Birds TEXT

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The Loon, its soulful mourning song, lingers with me all day long.

Salient Features: Loons are swimming and diving birds. They have a distinctively long, curved neck and spear-like beaks, and they have an eerie, haunting call.

The Cardinal, red as red can be, sings cheer and comfort from a tree.

Salient Features: Cardinals are songbirds with long red tails, a red crest on top of their heads, and short red beaks.

The Red-Tailed hawk patrols the air, protecting all within its care.

Salient Features: Red-tailed hawks are birds of prey with long, powerful wings and a distinctive red tail.

The Trumpeter Swan glides blissfully, exuding grace for all to see.

Salient Features: Trumpeter Swans are large water birds with expansive white wings and a long white neck.

The Great Horned Owl tucks me in at night and welcomes me with morning light.

Salient Features: Great Horned Owls are large owls that have light gray to dark brown feathery ear tufts and bright yellow eyes.