

PASSERINE VS NON-PASSERINE

The most prominent characteristic shared by all passerine birds is the arrangement of toes: **three toes facing forward and one backward**, which allows the bird to easily cling to perches, including branches and tree trunks. These birds also have an adaptation in their legs that gives them extra strength for perching. It is this toe arrangement and gripping posture that makes all passerines “perching” birds.



Which feet are passerine feet?



CAN YOU WORK OUT WHICH GROUP THESE BIRD SPECIES BELONG TO?



Rufous-fronted laughingthrush



House sparrow



Caribbean flamingo

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Blue tit



Humboldt penguin



Canada goose



Barn owl



Swallow



Southern cassowary

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Non-passerine = Caribbean flamingo, Humboldt penguin, Canada goose, Barn owl, Southern cassowary.

Passerine feet



Answers: