AMERICAN WOODCOCK PHEASANTS (Scolopax minor) never The Habita "Sky Dance" or "Song Flight" - The male courtship occurs at dusk each night during Gray-colored, spring. The ritual begins with the male offering 1-2 minutes of buzzy sounds called back stripes "WOBBLE DANCE" Woodcock have nearly 360° "peenting" followed by him launching straight up into the air as his wing feathers make Woodcock rock view due to eye placement a twittering sound. At 100-300 feet in the air, he hovers, flying in a circle, then begins Woodcock toward far back of head back and forth his downward, corkscrew spiral, landing in almost the exact location he launched from. brains are while walking and upside-down probing the earth Female beaks Woodcock learn their "freeze" for worms, which are ¼ inch longer defense mechanism when than males gives the they're chicks PEENT! appearance of Clutch size: 1-5 eggs Incubation: 20-22 days dancing. Peak hatch: May

Cryptic,

camouflaged

coloring

What makes good habitat? Having easy access to food, water, cover, and space to support growth and survival.

Buffy, nearly orange

underparts

WOODCOCK FOOD IS IN THE SOIL

CHICK

Woodcock are voracious eaters. Every day, they consume nearly their own body weight in their favorite delicacy – earthworms. Earthworms make up

nearly 80% of the Woodcock's diet with ants, flies, beetles, crickets, caterpillars, spiders

EGG

and grasshoppers making up the remainder of their diet. Woodcock forage for food by probing the soil with their bill.

A TALE OF TWO HABITATS

Woodcock inhabit two distinct habitats each day. Their daytime feeding sites consist of young, dense, shrubby hardwood forest stands with rich, wet soils. At dusk, the birds commute to a separate roosting site utilizing forest openings, clearings or old fields with sparse ground cover.



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(Group of woodcock

175 ACRES AVERAGE HOME RANGE FOR BREEDING MALES

American Woodcock

distribution

Bill has a flexible tip.

specifically adapted

for probing

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WOODCOCK ARE GENERALLY SOLITARY PHYSICAL CONTACT AMONG INDIVIDUALS IS RARE

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer the questions below the Word Search.	v to discover which words to find in	An
1.) What are the two names for the woodcock's mating ritual?		1a.)
2.) What is the term for a group of woodcock?		1b.)
3.) What is the largest compo	onent of the woodcock's diet?	2.)
4.) The woodcock brain is un	ique because it's?	3.)
5.) Woodcock	_ the soil with their bill in search of food.	4.)
6.) What is the first sound a v	woodcock makes during his mating ritual?	5.)
7.) What is the defense mech	anism woodcock learn as chicks?	
8.) At dusk, woodcock	to their roosting site.	
9.) What dance move did wo	odcock invent as a result of walking and	
probing the ground for for	od?	
10.) What are two alternate na	ames for American Woodcock?	
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Answer Key: 1a.) Sky Dance 1b.) Song Flight 2.) cord 3.) earthworms 4.) upside down 5.) probe 6.) peent 7.) freeze 8.) commute 9.) Wobble Dance 10.) Swamp Quail, Marsh Plover, Bog Sucker, Wood Snipe, Forest Snipe, or Timberdoodle

1a.)

Answers:

6.) 7.) 8.)

7.) 8.) 9.) 10a.)

10b.)

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