The background of the hexagon is a light pinkish-orange color. It features a repeating pattern of various bird silhouettes and fruit silhouettes. The birds include a hummingbird, a sparrow-like bird, and a larger bird with a long beak. The fruits include lemons, oranges, and round berries. The silhouettes are rendered in shades of green, grey, and brown.

Summer is here
and the birds are
out! Can you
identify these birds
by their
silhouettes? Match
them up with
their ID cards!

Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)



Have you ever seen a bird wearing a necklace? The male Mallard has a green head with a white ring around his neck. Mallards migrate north in the summer to avoid high temperatures.

A

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris)



Did you know that these birds can fly over 60 miles per hour?! Hummingbirds must eat half of their weight in sugar to have enough energy to fly each day.

B

Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura)



“Coo..coo..coo..” This sad song is an easy way to spot the Mourning Dove. Notice the long, pointed tail which has white spots on the edges. Like most birds, Mourning Doves can pant to cool off in the summer heat.

C

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)



“Birdy! Birdy! Birdy!” Listen for the loud call of the Northern Cardinal all summer long. These bright red birds with pointed crests and triangular beaks beat the summer heat by feeding early in the morning.

D

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)



When perched, the sparrow-sized Barn Swallow appears cone shaped, with a slightly flattened head, no visible neck, and broad shoulders that taper to long, pointed wings. The tail extends well beyond the wingtips and the long outer feathers give the tail a deep fork. Barn Swallows feed on the wing, snagging insects from just above the ground or water to heights of 100 feet or more.

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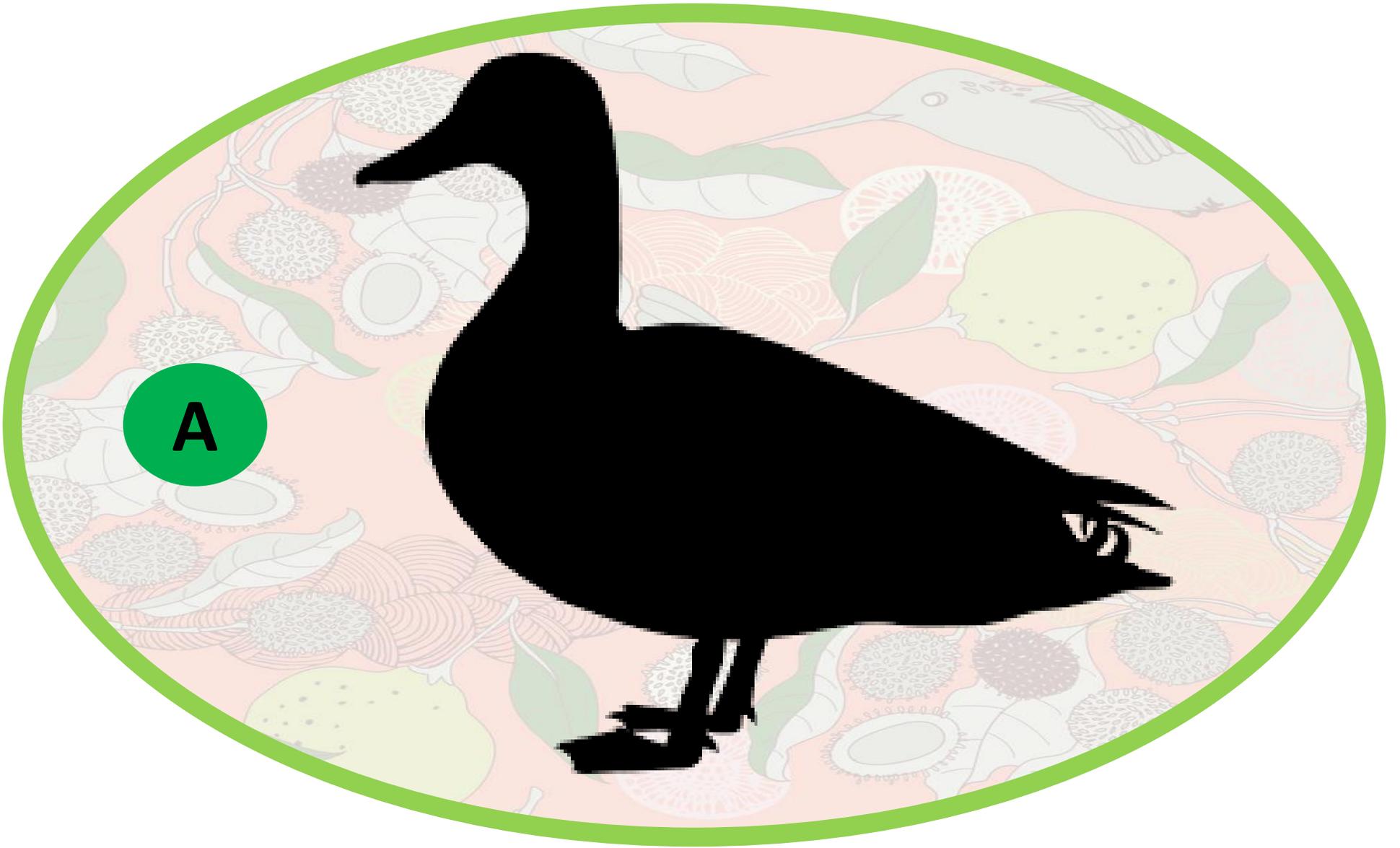
Eastern Bluebird

(Sialia sialis)



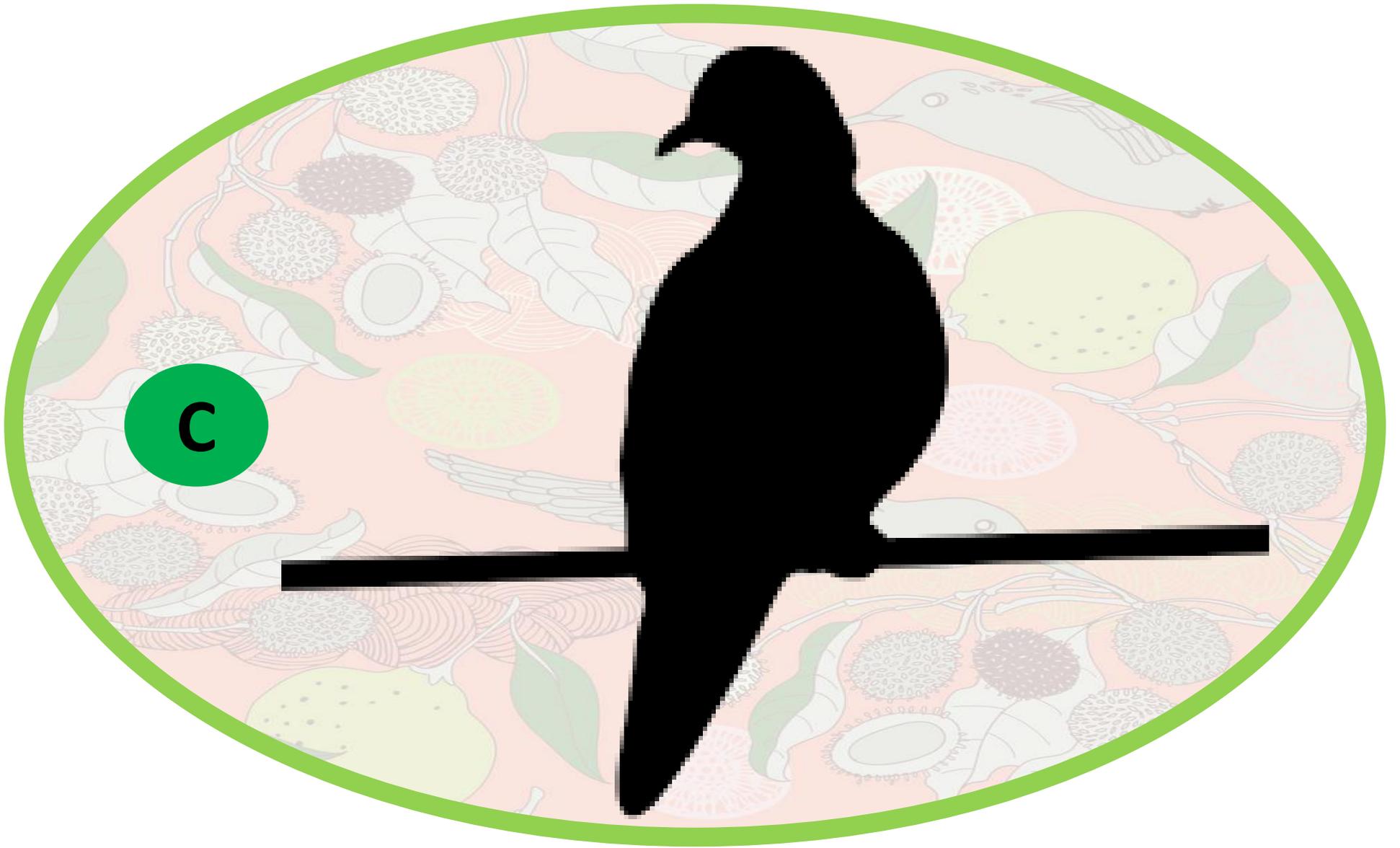
The Eastern Bluebird is a small thrush with a big, rounded head, large eye, plump body, and alert posture. The wings are long, but the tail and legs are fairly short. The bill is short and straight. Eastern Bluebirds perch erect on wires, posts, and low branches in open country, scanning the ground for prey. They feed by dropping to the ground onto insects or, in fall and winter, by perching on fruiting trees to gulp down berries.

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