

Pelican Facts



Part 2:

Listen and fill in the blanks.

Pelican is a huge water bird with _____ wings, a long neck and a _____. They have _____ bodies, short legs and square tails. The bird has a long, wide orange bill and black wing tips.

Pelicans are not _____ to Saskatchewan. Every year in April, pelicans fly thousands of kilometers from California to the South Saskatchewan River. The City of Saskatoon has been holding a Pelican Watch _____. Each spring, Saskatoon _____ can _____ the _____ time of the first pelican and win prizes.

The South Saskatchewan River offers pelicans a rich food source such as fish and shrimp. The _____ and the sand _____ in the middle of the river provide a _____ sites for these beautiful birds.

Pelicans are extremely _____ in the air, and their unusual _____ with a large, _____ makes them an _____ for many people. During the summer time, many _____ would like to go to the South Saskatchewan River to watch these amazing birds.

Pelican was placed on the _____ species list in the 1960s. Now, thanks to _____, pelican numbers are strong and you can see our feathered friends fishing in the heart of Saskatoon throughout the spring and summer.

Part 3: Read the sentence. Circle T ✓ or F ✗

1. Pelicans are native to Saskatchewan.
2. Pelicans fly from California to the South Saskatchewan River in May.
3. Pelicans have long legs and pointed tails.
4. The City of Saskatoon holds a pelican watch contest every winter.
5. The South Saskatchewan River has a plenty of food source for pelicans.
6. Pelicans are known for their small bills.
7. Pelicans are not graceful in the air due to their large beaks.
8. Pelicans are in danger in 1960s.
9. Pelicans fish in the South Saskatchewan River throughout spring and summer.
10. Tourists come to watch pelicans at Lake La Ronge every year.