

Every Bird is our Hearttype: Being Collectively Birdhearted

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We've always been very attached to birds. I don't remember how we started wanting a bird so bad, but we remember begging our mother for a budgie for years as a kid. We got one, and after that we got a pair of cockatiels (one of which we still have, he's 11 or 12 now).

We always loved them to bits. Over the years we've gotten a few more pets, rescued some other birds from various circumstances and talked about anything bird related almost non-stop to people we get close enough with. All of this to the point where people have a bird question or problem and they know to ask us, even if we're only a friend of a friend to that person. We've had teachers in schools we never met before ask if we're "the bird one" after they get our name. It's always been birds.

So it makes sense that we have an attachment to birds that could be described as a hearttype. We've had occasional phantom wing shifts as well as the feeling of talons of various configurations and thin bird legs overlaying our own human ones--plus other types of shifts--for as long as we can remember. But are there specifics? Exclusions? Birds we can't relate to or can't seem to like? Well... Not that we've found.

Every. Single. Bird. All of them. Every new species of bird we see, no matter how weird looking or mean or how gross their habits are--we love them on sight. It's like the joy of opening a gift on Christmas morning to find the thing you wanted most, except in our case it's likely a bird people hardly hear of like a Dracula Parrot or a Kakapo.

This extends to fictional birds as well. Pokemon, phoenixes, bird fursonas, gryphons, those ones with four wings from Lethal Company, random fantasy birds that might not even have a named species--anything remotely bird shaped and it's a win. Even including some dinosaurs and dragons. Quetzalcoatlus? Win! Dragons with a bit of feather fluff like Flight Rising Skydancers? Close enough! Some random thing with a bird-like beak? You bet we love it!

We would literally click through a list of every known bird species on Earth if we had the time to sit down and do it. Just for fun. We love those things. Every time a person we follow shares a picture of a new bird we've never seen before it's basically like they just gave us the gift of pure, unfiltered joy for the next hour or so.

At this point, it's really only logical that if we haven't found an end yet, then for now we can just assume there isn't one. Everyone in our system experiences this the same way, so we say we're collectively birdhearted and leave it at that. Some of us identify as specific birds or a few are bird cladotherians, but generally? We're not every bird. Most of us aren't birds. We've just found ourselves inseparable from them. But.. because the list of birds that fit the feeling is too long to include in any bio anymore, we just use the term birdhearted. And really? At this point it'd just be a list of birds we know of.