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What's wrong with the coloring page this week? Is that bird really standing on a person's gloved hand? Why is it doing that, and is it ok?

The fact is this isn't a good thing. This bird and hundreds other like it that live in the same park have become so dependent on humans that they will eat out of people's hands. This is a form of "learned behavior" that can cause the birds trouble in the long term. They will become too trusting and dependent on people, so if people stop feeding them they may die. If there is a major storm and the park is destroyed and they must go elsewhere, they won't be able to feed themselves either.

Feeding birds this way also increases the risks for people. It increases the chance of getting a disease or a parasite that the bird is carrying.

Draw your own bird here!

Find these words below

Learned, Innate, Dependent, Parasite, Habitat

Definitions:

Learned Behavior – something that an animal learns from an outside stimulus.

Innate behavior – something that an animal does by instinct. Birds and flying for example.

Dependency- where a wild animal needs humans to survive.

Parasite- animals that live off other animals or people like fleas, ticks, and tapeworms

Habitat- where an animal naturally lives

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