

Xenops Fun Quiz – Solutions

Q 1. Where are you likely to see the Xenops in its natural habitat?

A 1. You can see the Xenops in a forest in South America.

Q 2. Where does the Xenops live?

A 2. The Xenops lives in a hole in a tree trunk.

Q 3. What type of creature is the Xenops?

A 3. The Xenops is a type of Bird.

Q 4. What does the Xenops look like?

A 4. The Xenops is somewhat plain to see, with cinnamon-coloured wings and an olive-brown belly.

Q 5. What does the Xenops use to hammer on dry branches?

A 5. The Xenops uses its small and pointed bill to hammer on dry branches.

Q 6. With what does the Xenops fill its belly?

A 6. The Xenops fills its belly with insects, ants and bugs.

Q 7. What is the size of the Xenops?

A 7. The Xenops is a compact little bird; even its tail is not too long.

Q 8. How does the Xenops call its mate?

A 8. The Xenops calls its mate by singing its little song.

Q 9. What does the Xenops and its mate take turns at doing?

A 9. The Xenops and its mate take turns to hatch their eggs.

Q 10. Where can you see a happy Xenops family?

A 10. You can see a happy Xenops family in their cozy hole in a tree.

Fun with words – Meanings in Context

bill = beak of a bird

cinnamon = yellowish-brown colour, like the bark of a tree used as a spice

cozy = comfortable, warm and secure in a small space

hammer = hit again and again, as with a heavy tool

hatch = when parent birds sit on their eggs to keep them safe and warm

somewhat = slightly

Tidbit – Helpful Hint

> Birds make their nests in a variety of places and out of many different materials. Many birds make their nests using grass or twigs. Some other birds and their different types of nests are: Weaver Birds weave their nests with grass and hang them from the branches of trees, Tailor Birds stitch their nests from leaves, Oven Birds make round nests out of mud, and Swallows make cup-shaped nests using their own saliva.