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**Featured show for the week of October 1**

Show Title: **Letter to a Pileated Woodpecker**

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Show Description: In this episode, ornithologist J. Drew Lanham reads a letter he has written to a Pileated Woodpecker, a large species of woodpecker that is sometimes mistaken for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

**Featured show for the week of October 8**

Show Title: **Ornithographies**

<https://www.birdnote.org/listen/shows/ornithographies>

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Show Description: Photographer Xavi Bou creates incredible images of birds and their movements by combining his love of photography and technology with his love for birds and nature — as seen in his book, *Ornithographies*. He’s especially drawn to European Starlings and their movements as a flock, called a murmuration. The starlings fly in a tight, synchronized group, sometimes to avoid a predator.

**Featured show for the week of October 16**

Show Title: **Spark Bird: Thomas Poulsom and the LEGO Robin**

<https://www.birdnote.org/listen/shows/spark-bird-thomas-poulsom-and-lego-robin>

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Show Description: As he trained to be an arborist, Thomas Poulsom started developing two new interests: birds and building with LEGO bricks. After first building a European Robin, he went on to create LEGO models of more than 75 species. Thomas became one of the first LEGO fans to have his designs produced as an official set.

**Featured show for the week of October 22**

Show Title: **Strange Sounds**

<https://www.birdnote.org/listen/shows/strange-sounds>

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Show Description: What an amazing array of sounds birds have to offer! The call of a male Yellow Rail sounds like someone tapping two small stones together. And Turkey Vultures hissing at one another over a carcass sound like a snarling lion. The duet between the male and female Barred Owls seen here is especially raucous. BirdNote gets most of its sounds from The Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds.

**Featured show for the week of October 29**

Show Title: **The Vampire Finch**

<https://www.birdnote.org/listen/shows/vampire-finch>

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Show Description: Vampire Ground-Finches menace their victims in broad daylight, stabbing holes in their flesh, then devouring the blood. During the dry season, when their usual diet of seeds can be scarce, they turn to large seabirds, like boobies. Fluttering onto a booby’s back, the finch jabs its sharp beak in among the feathers until blood flows, making a meal of it. Why boobies tolerate this remains a mystery.