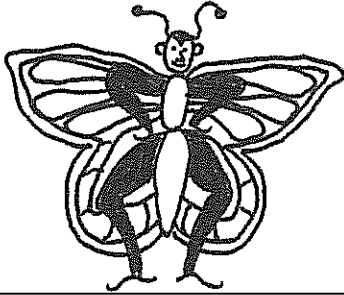
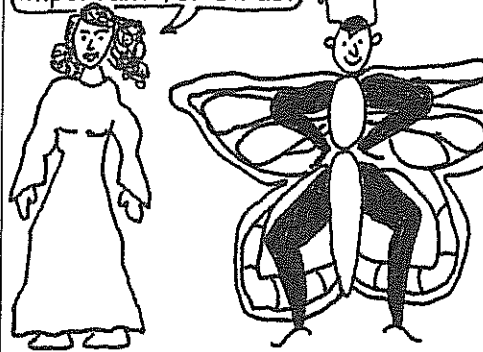


Mike The Monarch

Restoration is for the Birds!



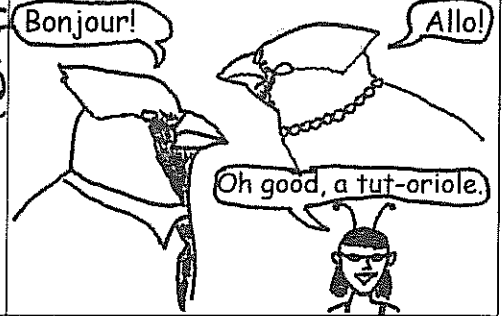
Mike, is habitat restoration important for birds?



Of course! Here, let my friends Rich and Lou tell you all about it!

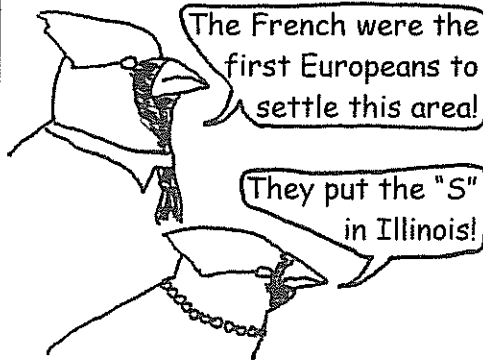
Bonjour!

Allo!



Oh good, a tut-oriole.

Why do you speak French?



The French were the first Europeans to settle this area!

They put the "S" in Illinois!

Grassland birds like the Henslow's Sparrow need lots of the prairies we restore

Say, I'm feeling less endangered!



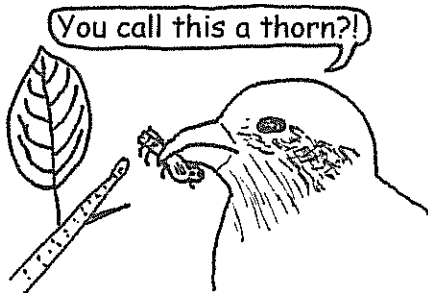
Why are they named Rich and Lou?

Migratory birds like the Warbler need oak and hickory woodlands



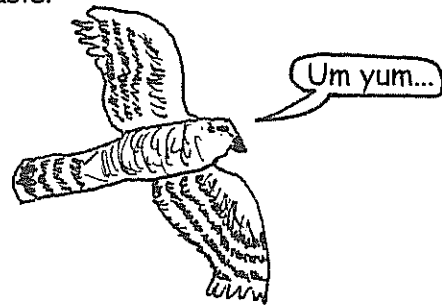
Cardinal Richeliu was chief minister to French King Louis XIII!

The Loggerhead Shrike impales its prey on real thorns—but not on buckthorn



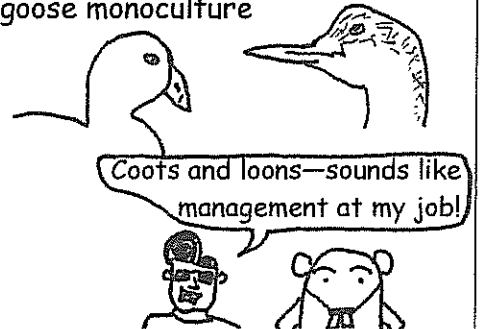
You call this a thorn?!

Raptors like the Cooper's Hawk appreciate open woodlands and prairies that make finding prey easier



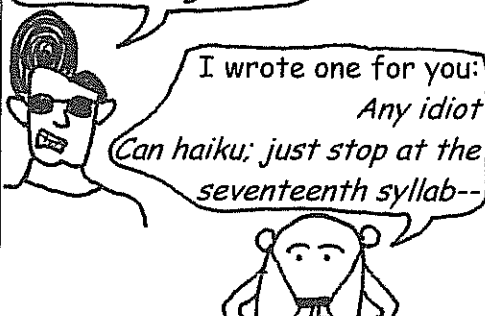
Um yum...

Restored wetlands mean herons, egrets, Coots and Loons; ponds with turf grass mean a Canada goose monoculture



Coots and loons—sounds like management at my job!

Hey, I wrote a haiku:
*Geese stop migrating;
Too many man-made wetlands.
Plant native grasses!*



I wrote one for you:

Any idiot

Can haiku; just stop at the seventeenth syllab--

If the goofball league'll give me a half-inch of space here-on this page, it's Rich and Lou's tern to thank our v-owl-unteers. Stop ravin' and don't grouse—or you'll r-egret it!



His puns get harrier all the time!

Os'preying he'll stop!

Seriously, folks, on behalf of all our feathered friends,

Merci, Volunteers!

