## THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB QUIZ 168

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Winter in the northeast can be a precarious time for birds. Food is scarce and birds rely on the food caches built in fall. If you've stored a thousand seeds to consume later, you must remember where you stored them. Not an easy task.

How do black-capped chickadees do it?



Link to ponder: State of the Birds Report

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To remember where all the seeds are located, the chickadee's brain grows larger in late summer by adding additional neurons in the hippocampus, where memories are stored. The new neurons replace older ones from the previous season.



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