

# THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

## QUIZ 133

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An interesting image. Can you explain it?



Link to ponder: Reading along with a [famous New Jerseyan](#).

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*The ostrich in a heraldic crest (England, 17th century): Harley MS 4926, f. 8v*

“We start with the heraldic ostrich, happily chomping on its staple food: horseshoes and keys. This imagery originates from the bestiary tradition, which supposed that the animal had remarkable digestive abilities, enabling it to consume and process iron. What does the ostrich's presence on a coat of arms mean? According to the *Deidis of Armorie*, it signified that the first bearer of those arms ate hard things—in other words, they were as tough as nails—and that they had a defiant nature.”

—Clarck Drieshen, The British Library

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Southwest Wings

