

# BIRD SATURDAY



## DEAR PAULIE



believed that Noah's Ark had landed in the Caucasus Mtns and thus was the origin of humanity.) His work has been adopted in the USA to legislatively justify racial discrimination such as slavery and naturalization. Eugenecists further divided "caucasian" into subraces to further exclude Arabs, Persians, North Africans, North Indians, etc. Today, the word "Caucasian" is still used across official gov't documents and medical surveys. I'm also not sure why the term is still widely used when the origins are so clearly problematic.

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Got a question for Paulie? Leave a note with any of our partner Pigeon Posts.

Dear Paulie,  
**I loved my nest. You could say that love, as much as my own saliva, engineering, mud, and spider webs, held it together. But recent changes have broken more than I can manage. I worry my nest is gone forever.**  
 Sincerely,  
**Feeling like Theseus's ship**

Dear FLTS,  
 I'm sorry you feel that the identity of your nest is gone. It can be especially difficult to feel unsupported while you tackle big changes. Honestly, I don't think you will ever get your same nest back. Nor do I think you should try to. A friend of mine has an odd

habit of committing to a migration detour whenever "part of her nest collapses," so to speak. But the new twigs and feathers she brings back suit her. I can't imagine her any other way.

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Dear Paulie,  
**What is a "caucasian"?  
 Curious,  
 My fledglings had many qs on their first USA trip**

Dear New Parent,  
 German anatomist Johann Blumenbach coined three primary racial classifications: caucasoid, mongoloid, and negroid. (In the 18th century, most European scholars

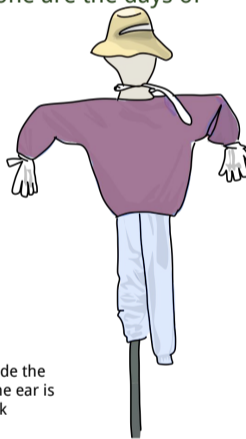
## NEW-AGE SCARECROWS

We at Bird Saturday have been closely monitoring scarecrow innovation. Any fellow sweet corn lover knows that milk stage\* is soon upon us, and in preparation we have collected intel from all across the avian community. We share here what to expect in the way of scarecrows this year.

Humans have come a long way in realizing that we indeed can recognize clothes & position patterns. So, gone are the days of static straw-stuffed overalls-adorned resemblances on sticks.

### Level 1: relocation and re-outfitting.

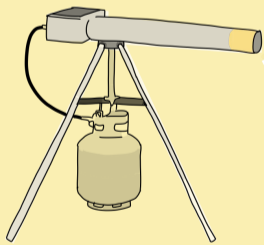
Expect scarecrows to be moved every day. Expect flowy-er clothes - the scarecrows will look more alive due to wind, but they're as fake as ever!



\* Sweet corn is ready to harvest when the kernels are in the milk stage. Milk stage is when the endosperm inside the kernel is still liquid and the pericarp (skin) of the kernel is still tender. The best indicator from the outside of the ear is when the silks have turned very dark brown to black. It generally takes 17 to 25 days from the time the first silk appears until harvest.

### Level 2: sound cannons

We saw the advent of these a couple years ago, and they are unpleasant. But as they have warded us off, they also seem to be warding off humans- boycotts and vandalisms and legal action has been launched by neighbors of farmers using these. We can expect they will not be used as much next year.



### Level 3: lasers

Our friends in Rhode Island informed us of new "laser scarecrows" that emit a green laser beam. At first, these were used around simulation corn: wooden sticks with sweet corn on them. We could easily perch atop their sturdiness and sometimes avoid the laser level. Then the lasers showed up by real corn crops, and our weight on the relatively flimsy corn stalks had us bouncing in an out of laser levels. We are still trying to figure out how to best avoid it, and to determine how much the laser beams will affect our eyes. Farmers seem pretty excited about this though, so expect more and more every year.

