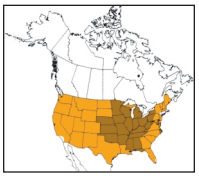
Afrifriend *Charadrius vociferus*

L 6′ 2″ WS 79″ WT 180 lbs (81,000 g)

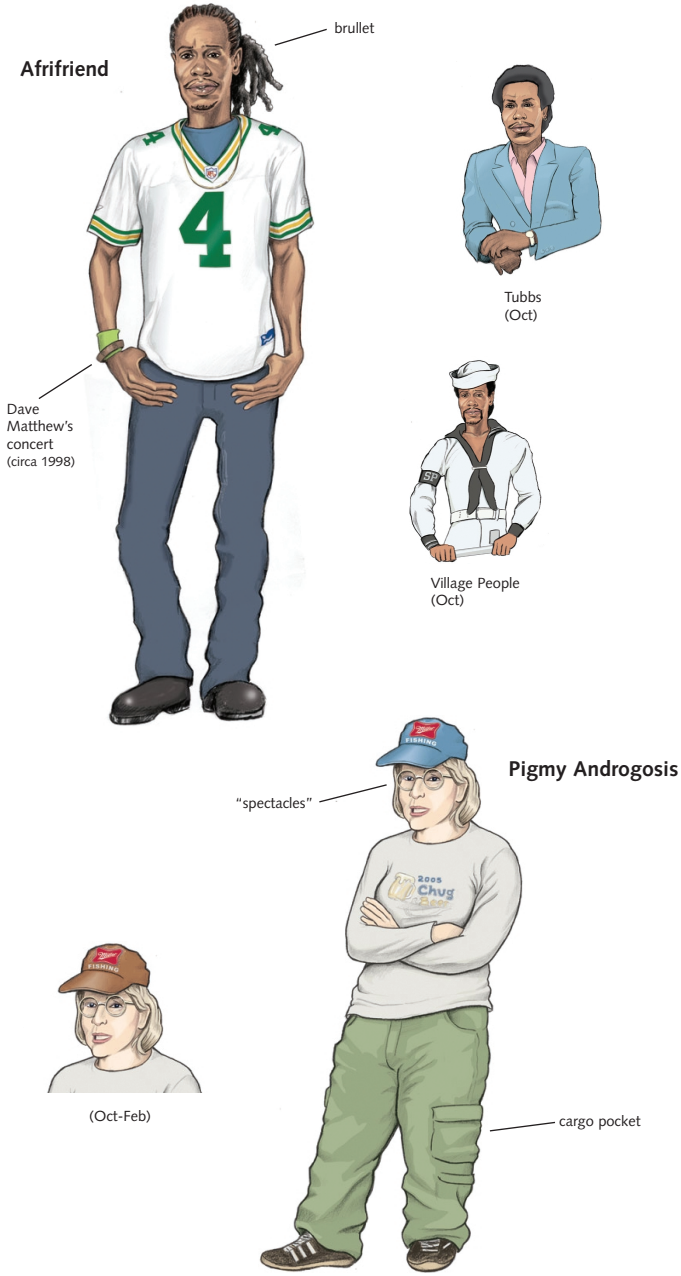
RANGE: Large state universities, Ivy-League schools, Dave Matthews Band concerts. **DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS:** The sole black member of an all-Caucasian fraternity, the afrifriend is usually surrounded by his white brothers who refer to him by a singular letter (most commonly "T"). He sees nothing strange about wearing a Brett Favre or Jeremy Shockey jersey, but makes sure to sport a brullet (cornrows, worn long in the back) to assure everyone he's "still from the street." The afrifriend owns no "bling," just one gold chain that he got from his "babymama" (though, curiously, the afrifriend has no children). He will often be found half-heartedly reenacting a Dave Chappell routine or talking to a sorority sister who wants to show her friends she's "totally not racist." The best time to spot an afrifriend is at an annual Halloween party, when he will inevitably be dressed as Tubbs from Miami Vice, Franklin from the Peanuts, or the black guy from the Village People. **MATING CALLS:** "Sure, sure, baby, Maya Angelou says all sorts of crazy shit. I just wanna know, am I gonna be hittin' that, or what?" and "Eight…eight and a half." **N.B.** *Contrary to popular belief, the afrifriend is not always good at basketball and rarely can rap "freestyle."*

Pigmy Androgosis *Tringa solitaria*

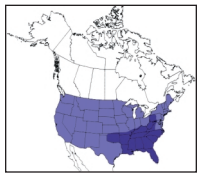


L 5′ 1″ WS 43″ WT 135 lbs (60,750 g)

RANGE: Commonly found throughout the country. **DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS:** Short-statured and bespectacled with Prince Valiant-style hair, the androgosis resembles John Denver with boobs. Sometimes mistaken for a lesbian, she is a fertile, yet often ignored, mating opportunity for oblivious fraternity members. Rarely leaving the fraternity house, she is always the backup date for formals, the cheering section at intramural sporting events, and the person who assures other young women that "Luke definitely didn't GHB that girl." A free long-sleeved T-Shirt attained from a university event is the androgosis's preferred attire. She accompanies it with a fishing cap with a beer logo on it, indoor soccer sneakers, and cargo pants. **MATING CALLS:** "Okay, who cares? So it's a little weird. If you want, you can look at a Maxim while we do it?" and "How bout you consider it practice for the big game." **N.B.** *As hard-up as the androgosis seems, she's loyal to the frat. She has a "hand-jobs only" policy for non-brothers.*



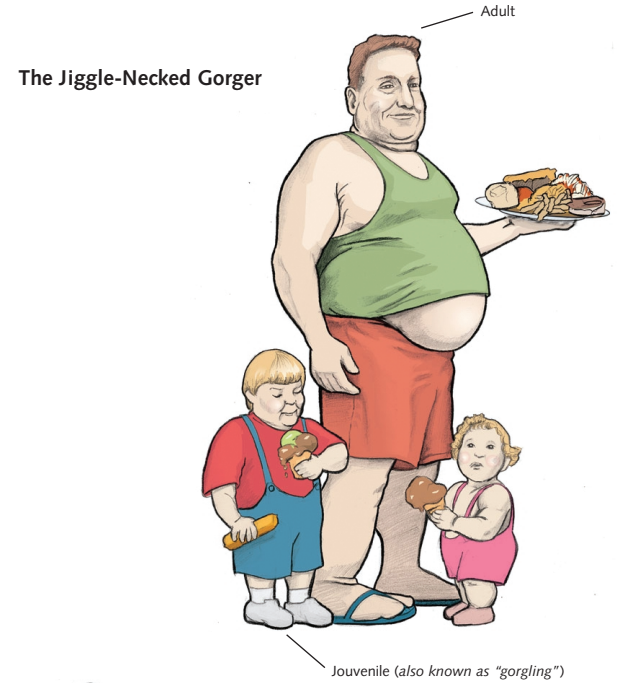
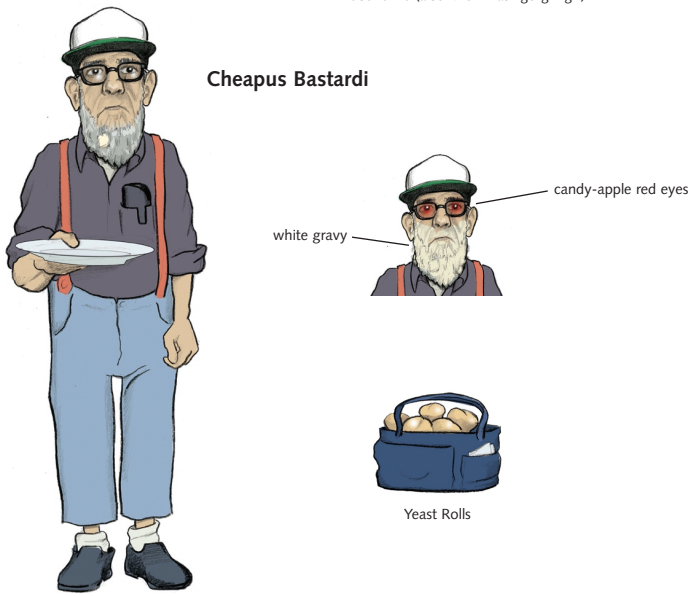
The Jiggle-Necked Gorger *Vireo atricapillus*



L 6′ 8″ WS 91″ WT 330 lbs (148,500 g)

RANGE: Common throughout the U.S., especially in southern states and along the Appalachian "Corridor of Fat." **DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS:** The gorger is large in every sense of the word and interested in but one thing - moving food from the steam tables to the interior of its great ruby-crested belly. In addition to its imposing physical stature, it is also a highly aggressive hunter. The gorger possesses the ability to predict the arrival of another steaming vat from the kitchen, well ahead of its competition. A cock of the head, an abrupt halt in chewing, and a rippling in the neck fat, are all key signs that the aluminum doors will explode open within seconds. Attracted to the buffet habitat by the words "all-you-can-eat," the gorger becomes agitated when the variant "all-you-care-to-eat" is used. Do not dabble in word-games when dealing with this species. That said, the classic saliva-slinging, lip-smacking, barbecue sauce-smeared gorger in full-flight is one of the most enduring and prized spectacles in all of Peopling, and is largely responsible for the hobby's continued popularity. **MATING CALLS:** "Mmgrrf ggoobrr ffff" "Bikkets! Hot bikkets!!" "Sweet Jesus, my left arm!" **N.B.** *Gorgers are often spotted with little rosy-cheeked dumplin' children in tow, called gorgelings. They are especially partial to soft-serve ice cream. Although the configuration can vary, gorgelings are usually seen in a matched pair of one male and one female, often wearing suspenders. Like the Campbell's Soup Kids.*

Cheapus Bastardi *Actitis macularia*

L 5′ 6″ WS 56″ WT 150 lbs (67,500 g)

RANGE: Common in both arid and tropical regions of North America, with an elevated concentration in Florida and Arizona. **DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC:** The bastardi is known for its uncanny ability to gather and flock at the buffet habitat at roughly ten minutes before dinner prices take effect. Bastardis are often senior in age and experience, very shrewd and keenly aware of what meats will be served on any given day. Their numbers invariably swell when steak is on the menu. Be on the lookout for Hatfield and McCoy beards with an impossibly large glob of butter buried deep inside. See if you can spot what would appear to be a human embryo perched on a bench seat, gnawing a meat apple. Yet beware, and never stand between a bastardi and the carving station. It may go into a beef frenzy, and come at you wearing a face of white gravy and eyes as red as the candy apples he prizes for dessert. Instead, watch from the distance, and the experience can be unpredictable in the best sense of the word! **MATING CALLS:** "Don't fill up on that rabbit shit, go straight for the meat table!" "Boy, you couldn't have a meal like that at home for $5.95!" "I'm a Civil War veteran, doesn't that count for something??" **N.B.** *In the midst of a bastardi swarm, it is common to see purses being stuffed with yeast rolls, and subjects attempting to pass off counterfeit Bariatric surgery discount cards.*