

The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 2, Episode 5: It Ain't Good for Birds to be Over Counted

00:00		It ain't good for birds to be over counted.
00:02		[music]
00:10	Narrator	[over music] It's time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse, Gum Springs, Arkansas.
00:23		[music fades out, then repeats]
00:34	Jesse	Well, let's see now, Sam, Leon. I counted a hundred and ninety-one birds over here east of the station. Now, now, how many did you two count?
00:21	Leon	Well, Mr. Jesse, I-I- [overlap]
00:42	Sam	[overlap] I counted forty-three black birds.
00:45	Jesse	Forty-three black birds?! Sam, I know there's a lot more than that.
00:48	Sam	Well, I know there's a lot more than that, too, but you asked me how many I counted. Now they was movin' at a- [overlap]
00:53	Jesse	[overlap] Sam! Sam! With big bunches like that you just-you just estimate.
00:57	Leon	Mr. Jesse?
00:58	Sam	There was a million of 'em.
00:59	Jesse	A million?! Sam! You – uh- there couldn't've been that many. Not in that one bunch!
01:03	Sam	Well, now if we're gonna guess I was just tryna' help the birds.
01:06	Jesse	Sam, we ain't here to help the birds. We're supposed to count 'em.
01:10	Leon	Mr. Jesse?
01:11	Jesse	What is it, Leon?
01:12	Leon	Do you count crippled birds, Mr. Jesse?
01:14	Jesse	Well, certainly you count 'em, Leon.
01:16	Sam	Unless there's a bunch of 'em, Leon. Then you just estimate 'em.
01:19	Leon	One of the ones I counted was eatin' a worm.

01:22	Jesse	Leon, what's that got to do with anything?
01:24	Leon	Well, I thought it'd be important to the folks that's countin' worms.
01:27	Jesse	Countin' worms?! Leon, you- Oh, why'd I get into this? [overlap]
01:31	Sam	[overlap] It's fixin' to snow.
01:33	Jesse	Snow?! Sam? [overlap]
01:34	Leon	[overlap] H-h-how do you know, Sam?
01:35	Sam	I seen two red birds.
01:37	Jesse	Two red birds? Well, well now that's-that's the kind of information we need. Uh, did you include them in the count?
01:42	Leon	You mean did he count 'em, Mr. Jesse?
01:44	Jesse	Well, of course that's what I mean, Leon!
01:45	Sam	Nah, I didn't have to. I-I just seen 'em there. Both of 'em!
01:49	Jesse	Well, were they male or female?
01:50	Leon	They'd have to be wouldn't they?
01:51	Sam	Nah, sir. I ain't gettin' into that. I don't mind countin', but I ain't gettin' personal with no bird. No, sir. This is free work. Male or female?! [music overlap]
02:00		[music]
02:10		[music fades out, then repeats]
02:19	Leon	Sam, M-Mr. Jesse seem like he was mad when he left here. I thought he'd 'preciate us helpin' count them ole birds.
02:25	Sam	Oh, I don't know, Leon. Jesse claims we can't do nothing right. I never realized how complicated that countin' them birds was. You know, Leon, all them birds wasn't here last summer. Where do you think they come from?
02:37	Leon	I believe they come from afar, Sam.
02:40	Sam	Leon, that was shepherds. That wasn't birds. It was the shepherds that come from afar.

02:44	Leon	Ah, yeah. Tha-that's right. Well, I don't know where all them birds could've come from.
02:48	Sam	Now, if we could find out we might save a lot of trouble. Them people wherever the birds was might've counted 'em 'fore they left. [music overlap] It ain't good for birds to be overcounted.
02:54		[music]