

Can You Infer the Animal That is Described in These Haiku?

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- 1) If not for the cat,
And the scarcity of cheese,
I could be content.
- 2) I, the hoverer,
Sip the nasturtium's nectar
And sing with my wings.
- 3) We are wrinkled hulks
With astonishing noses.
Our ears block the sun.
- 4) Raucously we caw.
Your straw men do not fool us.
We burgle your corn.
- 5) Don't think about it -
Just leave the vicinity
If you hear my tail.
- 6) Gaudily feathered,
With nothing at all to say,
I can't stop talking.
- 7) I spend all my time
Picking up ants with my tongue.
It's a busy life.
- 8) Safe inside my pouch
Sleeps the future of my kind-
Delicate and frail.
- 9) I have no hatchet
And yet I fell a forest.
My teeth are my tools.
- 10) When I raise my tail,
Expressing my displeasure,
even wolves make tracks.
- 11) Wingless we went in,
But we emerged as fliers –
And oh such colors!
- 12) From nests in the clouds
We survey our dominion
With telescope eyes.
- 13) I snack on my back,
Crack dinner on my chest –
Bliss in the water.
- 14) How foolish I am.
Why am I drawn to the flame
Which extinguishes?
- 15) I am slow I am.
Slowest of the slow I am.
In my tree I am.
- 16) Boneless, translucent,
We undulate, undulate,
Gelatinously.