speed of birds

the two prayers knocking at the
three-seasons door
with a list of birds
by speed of
flight
name themselves
the spine-tailed
swift
and the spur-winged

what is your
conservation
status?

the poem is knocking at the back of
my bathroom mirror
and fogs up my memory, says you've been pretty unfaithful lately

so this is it:

this prayer was the one canvass-
backed and red breasted
reading my newspaper this morning
over my shoulder