

# Tweet!



Contrary to popular belief, Twitter did not invent the abbreviated message service known as tweets. That honor belongs to Lucy Lamington, who began “tweeting” way back in the 1940s. She did so by conversing with her pet grackles in a high-pitched, squeaky-cheepy voice. Due to the birds’ short attention span, Lucy limited her vocalizations to 140 tweets per session. But once the birds started to respond in kind, *voilà!* – social networking and microblogging (interspecific, to be sure ) were born!