

# Are You An Avid Collector?

## Find Out What Type Of Collector You Are

(NAPSA)—An estimated 10 million individuals are getting into the collecting game; some are scrounging flea markets for one-of-a-kind antiques, while others are scouting wineries for the latest bottle of Marilyn Merlot.

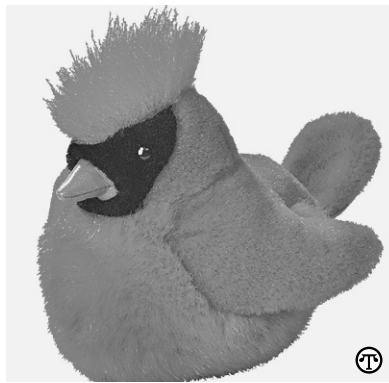
One study has identified several categories of collectors, ranging from Internet and eBay Collectors to Generational Collectors, and people who inherit collections from family or friends. Here are the four most common categories. Which one matches your collecting style?

### **Fad Collectors**

Are you running around mad trying to find every Beanie Baby or M&M's gadget introduced? If so, then you're a classic fad collector. Fad collectors latch on to the latest and greatest products. When the item fizzles out, the fad collector moves on to the next trendy must-have collectible.

### **Young Collectors**

Cabbage Patch Kids and Care Bears, and even Wild Republic's singing plush beanbag birds fit the bill for the young collector. "The recent bird watching craze has sparked young collectors' interest in bird items like our Audubon birds," says John Trenta, a spokesperson for the international toy company. "They're flying off store shelves across the country," adds Trenta. The Northern Cardinal is the most popular of the beanbag birds and the hardest one to get your hands on. To find out where you can find Audubon birds, visit [www.wildrepublic.com](http://www.wildrepublic.com).



**Collectors who get their hands on this singing plush beanbag bird consider themselves lucky.**

### **Movie & Entertainment Collectors**

Disney buffs and die-hard KISS fans fall into this category. However, don't hang your head in shame if you live to collect anything and everything associated with your favorite movie or rock star because you're not alone. Movie and Entertainment Collectors are the largest group to hit the collecting scene.

### **The Antiques Roadshow Phenomenon**

If the words "first" or "limited edition" or "original print" make your heart go pitter-patter, you're an "Antiques Roadshow" afficiando. Ranked one of the most-watched prime-time series on PBS, "Antiques Roadshow" has people collecting everything from vintage military apparel to jewelry and glass. They're hoping the more antique-looking the item, the heftier the bounty.

For more information about collecting and the hot collectibles, log on to [www.collectors.org](http://www.collectors.org).