

Birds of Prey: Beautiful Beaks

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2. Compare with the beak characteristics below for the listed birds.
3. Write the image number in the box for Image Key that best matches the bird.

Image Key	Bird	Beak Characteristics
	Bald Eagle	Curved, Sharp, Large, Light in Color (Yellow)
	Accipiter	Curved, Sharp, Medium
	American Kestrel	Curved, Sharp, Small, Notch on Beak for Cutting
	Turkey Vulture	Curved, Sharp, Large, Large See -Thru Nostrils
	Snail Kite	Highly Curved, Sharp, Long, Slender
	Golden Eagle	Curved, Sharp, Large, Dark in Color (Brown)
	Finches	Straight, Thick
	Ducks	Straight, Long, Wide
	Shore Bird	Straight, Long, Thin,

Special Vocabulary: **Tomial Tooth** = notch on cutting edge of beak; **Perforate Nares** = see-thru nostrils

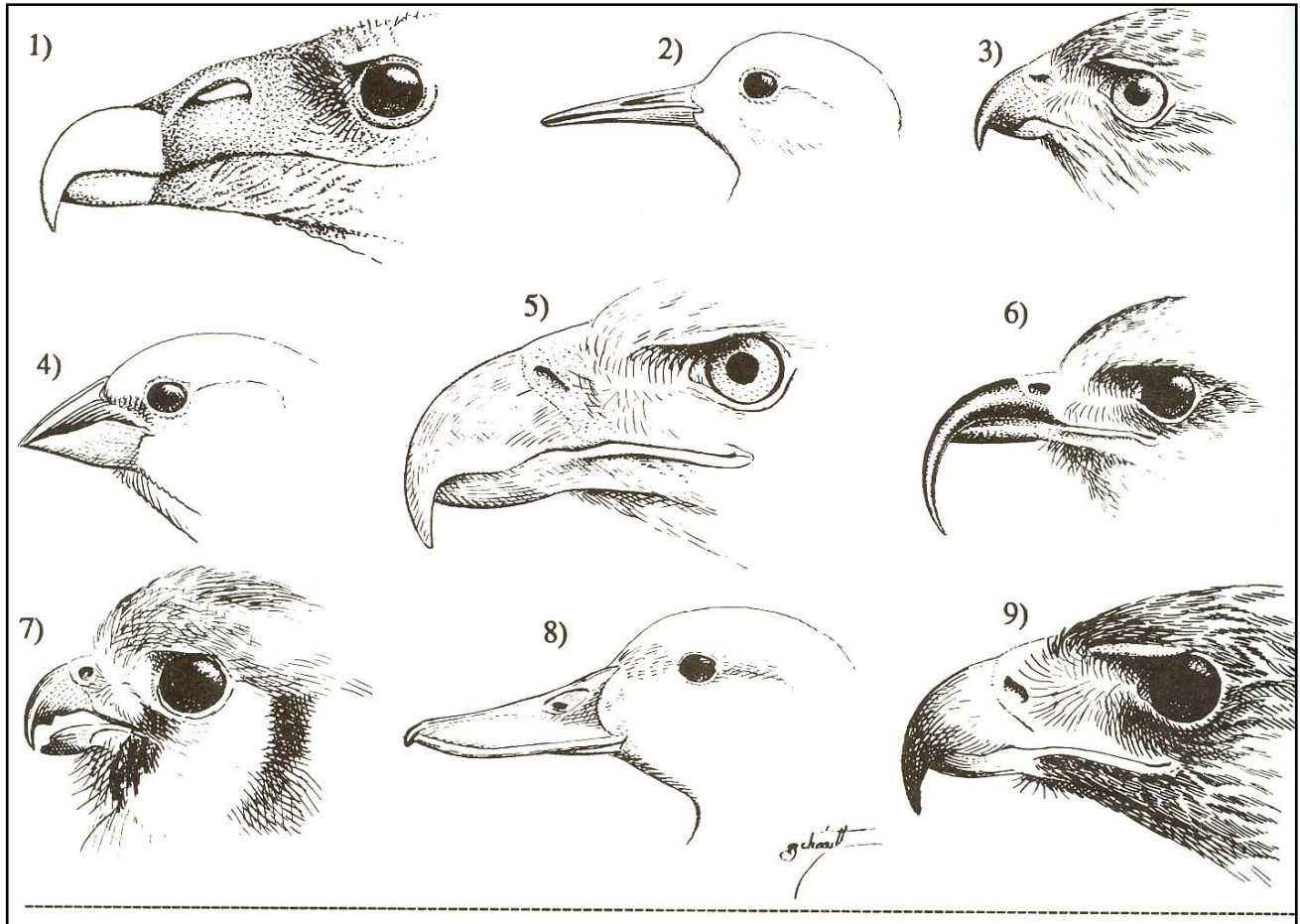
Birds of Prey: Food Choices

1. Compare the images for size of beak, look at the beak characteristics listed, and uses for the beak.
2. Write a thoughtful guess as to what kind of food the bird eats in the Food Key box

Food Key	Bird	Beak Characteristics	Used For
	Turkey Vulture	Curved, Sharp, Large, Perforate Nares	Tearing
	Shore Bird	Straight, Long, Thin,	Probing, Picking
	Accipiter	Curved, Sharp, Medium	Tearing
	Finches	Straight, Thick	Crushing
	Bald Eagle	Curved, Sharp, Large, Light in Color (Yellow)	Tearing
	Snail Kite	Highly Curved, Sharp, Long, Slender	Extracting
	American Kestrel	Curved, Sharp, Small to Medium, Tomial Tooth	Tearing
	Ducks	Straight, Long, Wide	Foraging
	Golden Eagle	Curved, Sharp, Large, Dark in Color (Brown)	Tearing

Special Vocabulary: **Carrion**: dead animals

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Answers on Following Pages

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8	Ducks	Straight, Long, Wide
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carrion	Turkey Vulture	Curved, Sharp, Large, Perforate Nares	Tearing
worms, insects	Shore Bird	Straight, Long, Thin,	Probing, Picking
mice & small birds	Accipiter	Curved, Sharp, Medium	Tearing
seeds	Finches	Straight, Thick	Crushing
fish and carrion	Bald Eagle	Curved, Sharp, Large, Light in Color (Yellow)	Tearing
snails	Snail Kite	Highly Curved, Sharp, Long, Slender	Extracting
insects and mice	American Kestrel	Curved, Sharp, Small to Medium, Tomial Tooth	Tearing
plants and insects	Ducks	Straight, Long, Wide	Foraging
snakes, rabbits, large birds, and carrion	Golden Eagle	Curved, Sharp, Large, Dark in Color (Brown)	Tearing

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