



Raptors



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Two Honors

TODAY!

Raptors



Keep Learning!

Advanced Raptors



There are significant “Do it” requirements, some of which are **NOT** possible during COVID-19.

COVID-19 options are suggested whenever it still meets the purpose and intent of the honor.




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<http://bit.ly/RaptorsWorksheet>

5 pages



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Pathfinder's Name

Raptors

1. What does the word "raptor" mean?

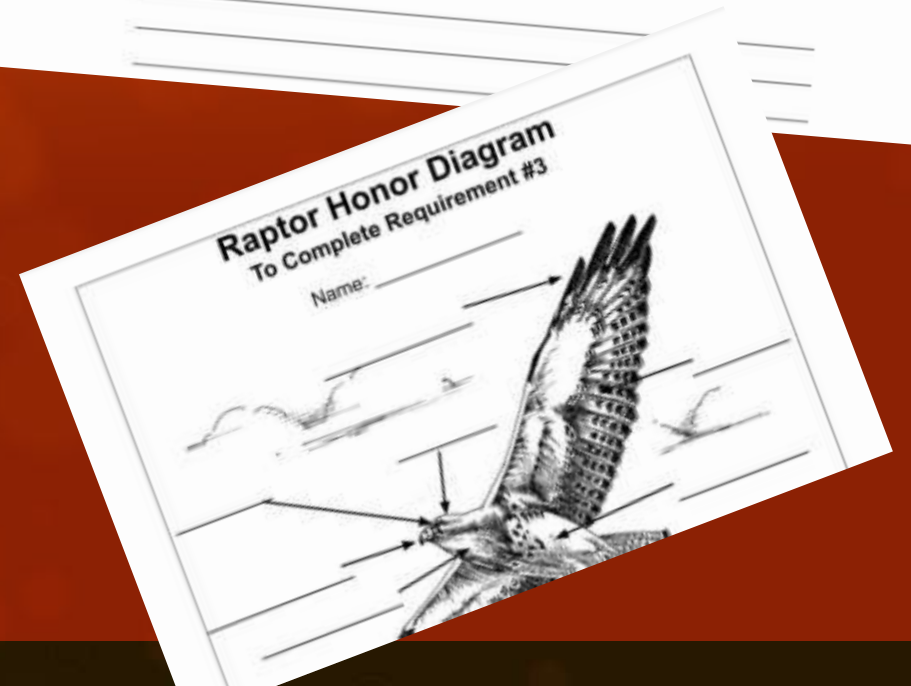
2. Classification:

a. Identify the two major groups of raptors.

1. _____

2. _____

b. List the scientific names of the orders & families collectively referred to as "raptors" or "birds of prey."



QUIZLET

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Requirement #1



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What does the word “raptor” mean?





Definition

The word Raptor comes from the Latin word rapere, meaning to seize, or snatch away.

The term is used in reference the way many raptors kill their prey with their feet.



Definition

Common characteristics among raptors are their

- sharp, curved talons for catching and holding prey
- a curved upper bill for tearing flesh
- keen eyesight, hearing and/or sense of smell, used for finding their food.

Requirement #2a



Classification:
Identify the 2 major groups of raptors.



Groups

- **based on sleeping habits!**
- **diurnal raptors (those active in the day)**
 - hawks, eagles, kites, falcons and osprey
- **nocturnal raptors (those active at night)**
 - “true” owls and the barn owls.



Requirement #2b



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List the scientific names of the orders & families collectively referred to as "raptors" or "birds of prey."



3 Orders

Order Accipitriformes (accipiter, from the Latin word meaning hawk)

Order Falconiformes (likely from falx, from the Latin meaning sickle, referring to the curved beak)

Order Strigiformes (strix, from the Greek meaning to screech)



3 Orders

Order Accipitriformes -- Eagles,
Hawks, Vultures, Condors

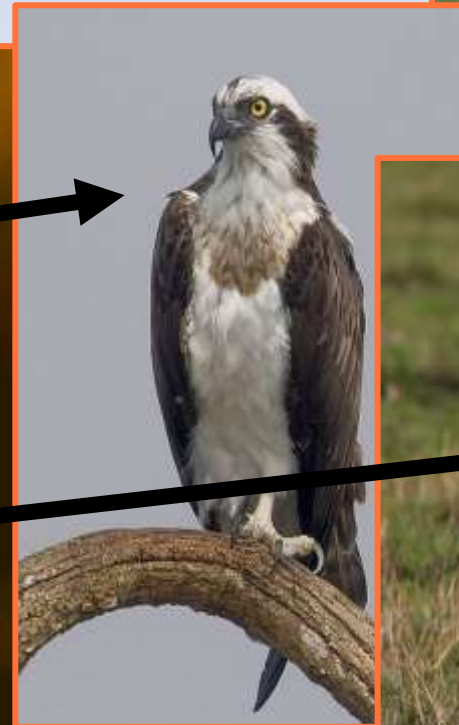
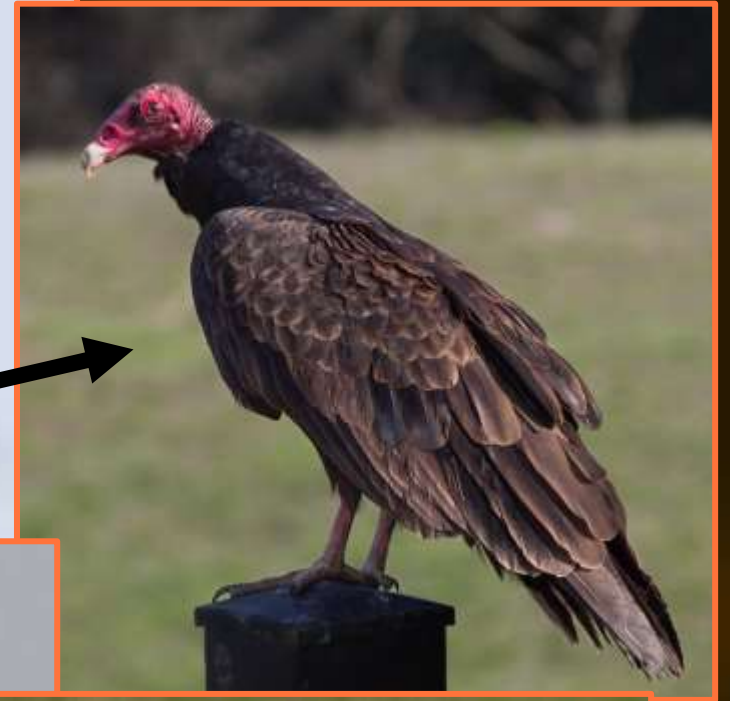
Order Falconiformes -- Falcons

Order Strigiformes -- Owls



Accipitriformes

- **Family Accipitridae:** including the hawks, eagles, and kites, some 217 species worldwide
- **Family Cathartidae** (cathartes, from the Greek word meaning purifier): the seven species of vultures and condors
- **Family Pandionidae** (Pandion, from the Greek legend, the father of Procne, changed into a swallow): the two species of Osprey
- **Family Sagittariidae** (Sagittarius, Latin for archer): One species of Secretarybird



Falconiformes

- **Family Falconidae:** Some 60 species of falcons and their allies, including the Caracaras



Strigiformes

- **Family Strigidae:** Some 124 species of owls worldwide
- **Family Tytonidae** (Tyto, from the Greek for owl): The ten species of Barn Owls



Mnemonic Device Orders/Families



A

A

C

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Accipitriformes Accipitridae
Cathartidae Pandionidae
Sagittariidae Falconiformes
Falconidae Strigiformes
Strigidae Tytonidae

Australian **A**vicideas &
Condors **P**ecked **S**ilky
Falcon **F**eathers while
Swooping **S**wiftly
Tonight

Requirement #2c



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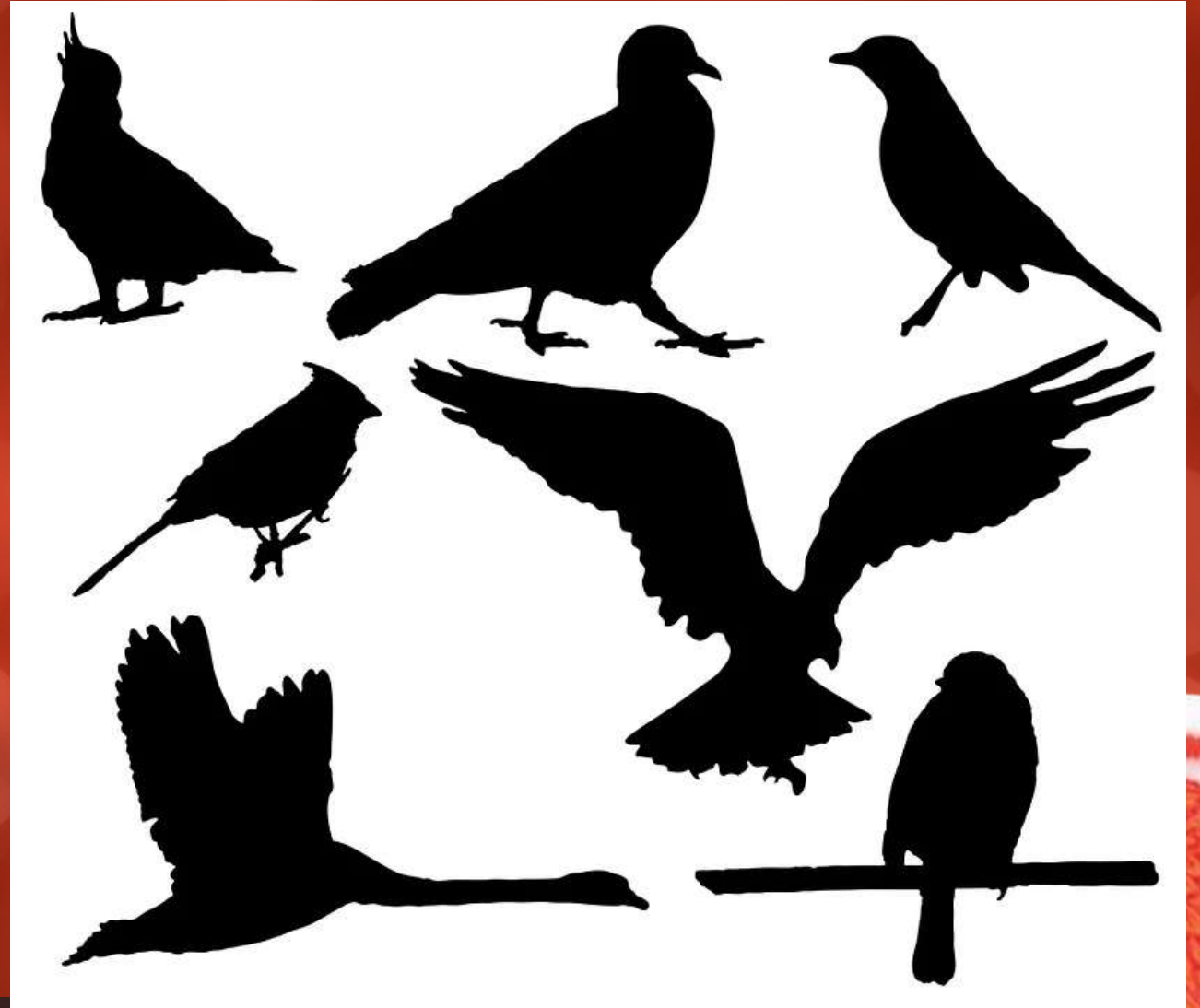
Identify distinct characteristics of raptors



Characteristics

Can you identify the raptor by its shadow?

- What made it easy to spot?
- What characteristics did we notice?



Size Matters!



Characteristics

- **sharp curved talons**
- **sharp, powerful curved beaks**
- **(also) keen eyesight**

- Grab and sometimes kill prey with talons (except Cathartidae)

- Diurnal raptors = bare feet

- Nocturnal raptors = feathered feet

- three toes forward, one back

- Owls & Osprey rotate one toe backward for two x two (better balance)



Characteristics

- sharp curved talons
- **sharp, powerful curved beaks**
- (also) keen eyesight

- Sharp hook to tear flesh, pull off feathers and fur, and spear their food

- Falcons have a "tomial tooth" that is used to cut the spinal cord of their prey (faster death)



Characteristics

- sharp curved talons
- sharp, powerful curved beaks
- keen eyesight

- Very large eyes with binocular vision (8x)
- Can see ultraviolet light (heat)
- Three eyelids (added protection from water or food)
- Cannot turn (have to turn their head)



Characteristics

- larger than usual “silhouette”
- shorter neck, larger wings
- sharp curved talons
- sharp, powerful curved beaks
- (also) keen eyesight



Requirement #2d



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Be able to identify readily an example of a raptor that illustrates each of the families represented under these two major groups (7 families).





Cathartidae ~ Vulture



Strigidae ~ Owl



Accipitridae ~ Hawk



Osprey



Sagittariidae ~ Secretarybird



Tytonidae ~ Barn owl



Accipitridae ~ Eagle



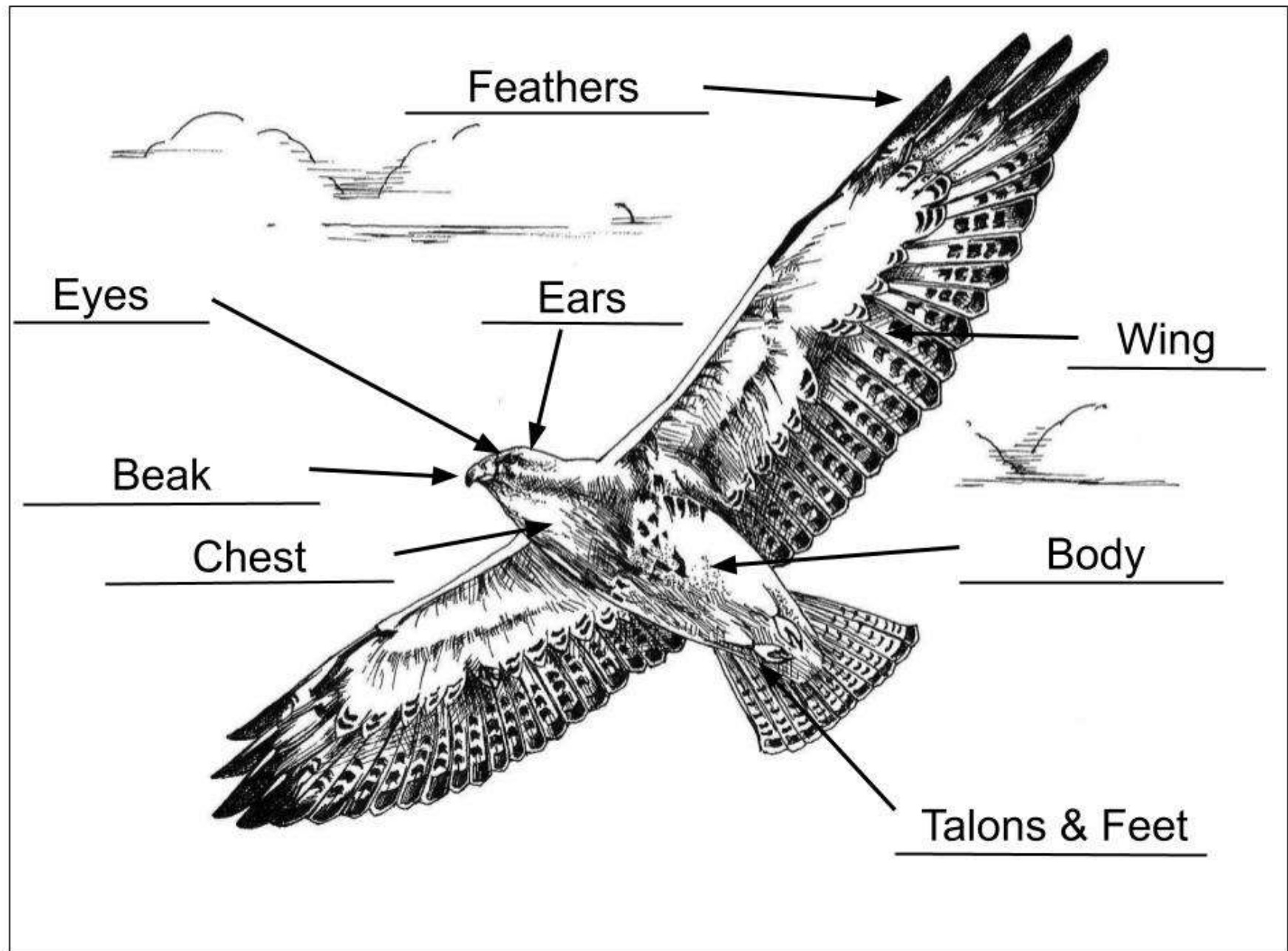
Falconidae ~ Falcon

Requirement #3



From a diagram, identify or label the following parts of the raptor:

- a. Eyes**
- b. Feet & Talons**
- c. Chest**
- d. Body**
- e. Beak**
- f. Ears**
- g. Wings**
- h. Feathers**



Requirement #4



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Discover the following information about raptors. Use this information to compare and contrast raptors with another family of birds, such as ducks & geese (anatidae) or parrots (psittaciformes).



Suggestions for completion

PHOTO COLLAGE!

Find google images + wikipedia/website articles that match each category and give the bird's name + unique identifiers.

Ex.



Parrot much bigger
Parrot is **CRITICALLY**
endangered
Australia vs. Mexico
hunter vs. grasses
Forest vs. grassland
flyer (owl) vs. ground
bird (parrot)



Requirement #4a



QUIZLET ACTIVITY
with
Compare and
Contrast on
Worksheet

a. the smallest diurnal and nocturnal raptor



Requirement #4b



QUIZLET ACTIVITY
with
Compare and
Contrast on
Worksheet

b. the largest diurnal and nocturnal raptor



Requirement #4c



QUIZLET ACTIVITY
with
Compare and
Contrast on
Worksheet

c. kinds of nests raptors build



Requirement #4d



QUIZLET ACTIVITY
with
Compare and
Contrast on
Worksheet

d. the average life span for large and small raptors



Requirement #4e



QUIZLET ACTIVITY
with
Compare and
Contrast on
Worksheet

e. the most common food of raptors



Requirement #5



Do one of the following:

- a. Watch a live raptor demonstration**
- b. Read a book on raptors**
- c. Watch a film documentary on raptors**



A. Live Raptor Demos

Google:

“webcam raptors zoos”

or

webcam <<your raptor of choice>>

NOTE: winter nests are usually empty in the northern hemisphere -- look to Australia and African continent webcams

**COVID-19
ADAPTATION**



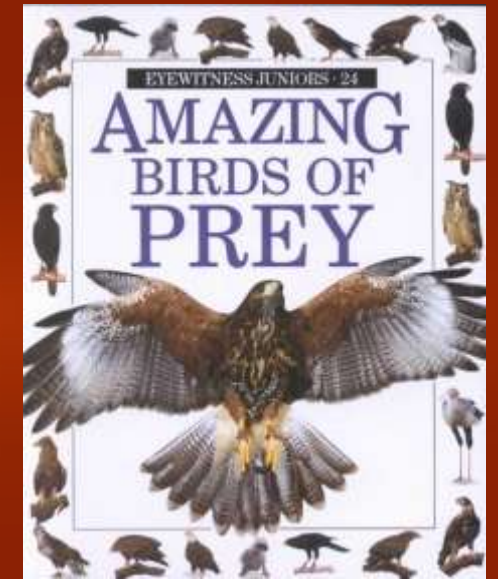
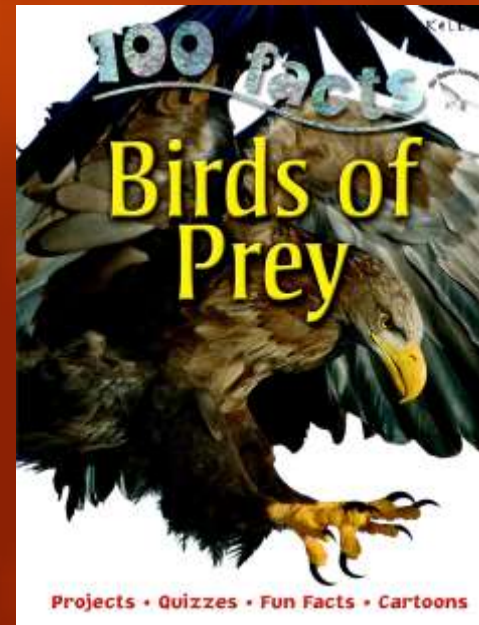
B. Books about Raptors

Google:

“good books on raptors for kids”

BE SURE to use the term “raptors” in your amazon or google search.

KINDLE reads are ideal in many instances!



C. Documentaries

Eagle, Falcon, Owl - Birds Of Prey, Nature 2018 HD Documentary (23 min). REALLY GREAT VISUALS and FUN INFORMATION

<https://youtu.be/fnkV3S3aOio>

Natural Centre for Birds of Prey (INTRO)

<https://youtu.be/h2lspoyCaok>



Requirement #6



Do two of the following:

- a. **Create a puppet show about raptors.**
- b. **Dissect an Owl Pellet, preferably online, and write down what you find.**
- c. **Make a chart of raptor wing spans and shapes of wings.**
- d. **Make a file of at least 10 raptor craft ideas and complete 5 of the crafts.**
- e. **Make a notebook, art display, media presentation or collage with pictures and information about raptors.**
- f. **Create a board game about raptors.**
- g. **Photograph at least 5 live raptors in the wild or captivity. Label your photographs.**

6a Puppet Show

<https://dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagowl.htm>



6b. Dissect Owl Pellet

<https://kidwings.com/virtual-pellet/>



OWL PELLETT DISSECTION

VIRTUAL OWL PELLET

PELLET INFORMATION

PELLET DIRECTIONS

6c. Chart Wingspans

Google “wingspans of eagles hawks
and buzzards for kids”

<https://kidspressmagazine.com/science-for-kids/misc/misc/birds-prey-wingspans.html>



6f. Board Game

<https://rediscoveredfamilies.com/how-to-make-a-board-game/>



Suggestions:

Monopoly - different raptors for each property, bird play pieces, 4 sanctuaries (Railroads), Hunters = Jail, etc

Trivia Game - demo what you've learned about raptors

6g Photograph 5

Google “raptor photography
«state/province/region/country”



6g Photograph 5

Captivity photography - Rehab
centers / zoos / wildlife research
facilities



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12:30pm Weekends

Weather Permitting

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Requirement #7



DURING COVID-19
EITHER
Substitute and additional #5
activity

OR
Find a person willing to
demonstrate for your group via
Zoom or equivalent

Experience raptors in one of the following ways

a. Visit a zoo or aviary. Have a docent (guide) tell you about the raptors they care for.

b. Have a specialist visit the group and share what he/she does with raptors.



Requirement #8



Observe raptors in the wild nesting or migrating. If possible, work with an area nature center, park, or Wildlife Management Areas.



Requirement #9



Find two Bible passages about raptors and summarize a moral lesson from each one.

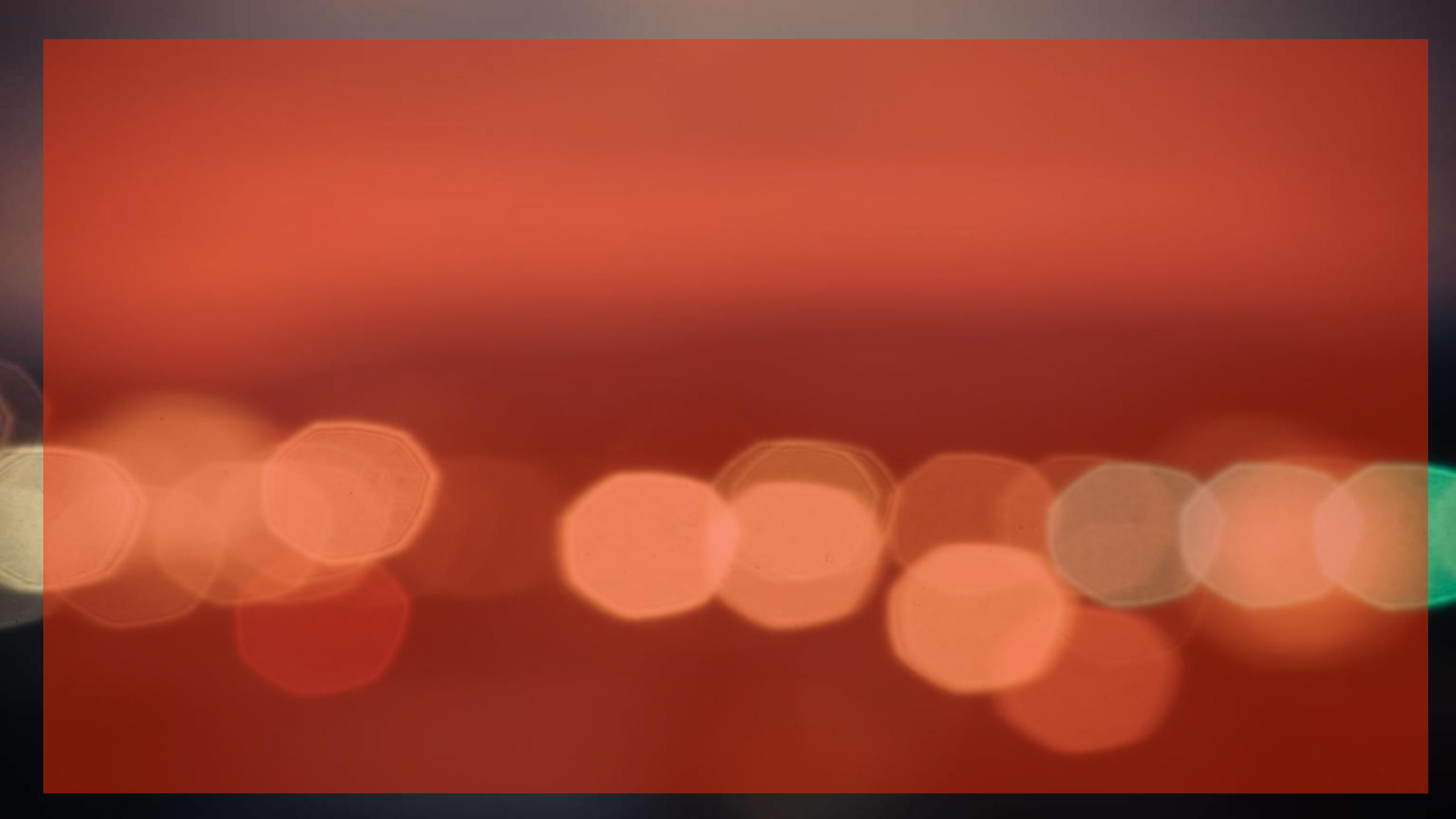


Bible Texts

Quizlet - https://quizlet.com/_5s2vtv?x=1jq&i=1q6gw8

Deuteronomy 14:11-18

You may eat any clean bird. But these you may not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the black vulture, the red kite, the black kite, any kind of falcon, any kind of raven, the horned owl, the screech owl, the gull, any kind of hawk, the little owl, the great owl, the white owl, the desert owl, the osprey, the cormorant, the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe and the bat.





**Now Complete
the “Doing”
Requirements**



**Go for the Advanced
honor challenge!**



Other Similar Honors



Left to Right
1 - Bats, Birds, Worms

2 - Reptiles, Dinosaurs, Odonates

3 - Marsupials, Parrots & Cockatoos,
Sharks



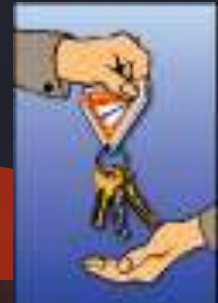


Worksheet for this honor
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This slideshow download:
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“NAD Pathfinders”





Web / App Resources

Raptors



Owls of Europe -

<https://www.owlpages.com/owls/species.php?r=5>

Birds of Prey in Europe -

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/kites-hawks-eagles/>

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