

Meredith & Eileen's Class Bird Field Guide



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Daniella and Angela

Black back

Long Legs



Black eye

Pointy beak

I see an oriole standing at the tree. His eyes are black. He is looking straight at something. He spots some berries. He goes to eat them with his pointy beak. Yum! Delicious!



Baltimore Oriole

Habitat:

- Leafy
- Deciduous trees
- Deep forests

Physical Description:

- Smaller and more slender than an American robin
- Thick neck
- Long legs
- Orange

Nest:

- Males sometimes bring materials but don't build it
- 7-15 days to build

Eggs:

- Pale grayish, bluish, white
- Blotched with brown and black

Food:

- They eat grapes and soft fruits

Did You Know?

- Most Orioles do not live in the United States in the winter.

Voice/Song: tweet tweet tweet tweet

Emma, Olivier and Mishkaat

Omnivore

Blue



Noisy

Small

Hello! I am a Blue Jay. My name is Alex. Most of my feathers are blue! But some of my other feathers are: white and black. Everybody loves all my colors! Oh and I love oak trees! I love to perch in the branches. I am an omnivore! I eat everything. YUM YUM! Thanks for reading about me. BYE BYE!



Blue Jay

Habitat:

- Forest edges
- Oak trees
- Parks

Physical Description:

- Perky crest
- Blue, white and black

Nest:

- Thick branches
- Twigs
- Grass
- Mud
- Rootlets

Eggs:

- Bluish light brown and brownish spots
- Width: 0.7-0.9 inches
- Length: 1-1.3 inches

Food:

- Omnivore
- Insects
- Seeds
- Eggs

Did You Know?

- Can imitate a hawk
- Can steal eggs

Voice/Song: Noisy call and loud.

Susannah, Sophia and Irina

Hooked Beak

Small Body



Reddish Brown

Yellow Eyes

Hi, I'm an Eastern Screech Owl. Look up at me. I'm in this tree, see me? You probably don't because I'm camouflage! What time is it? Nine good. Now please move so my mom can come over to give me a mouse. Good-Bye!



Eastern Screech-Owl

Habitat:

- Forest
- Trees near water
- North America

Physical Description:

- Red Morph
- Ear tufts
- Yellow eyes
- Small
- No neck

Nest:

- Cavities in trees
- Steal woodpeckers nests

Eggs:

- 2-6 eggs
- White
- 1.3-1.4 long
- 1.1-1.2 wide
- Hatch: 27-34 days

Food:

- Spiders
- Other small birds
- Insects
- Amphibians

Did You Know?

- Females are bigger than males
- Eastern screech-owls don't migrate
- There are 3 kinds of eastern screech-owls: Gray Morph, Red Morph and Brown Morph

Voice/Song: A pitched trill

Levi C. and Rayen

Sharp beak

Sharp talons

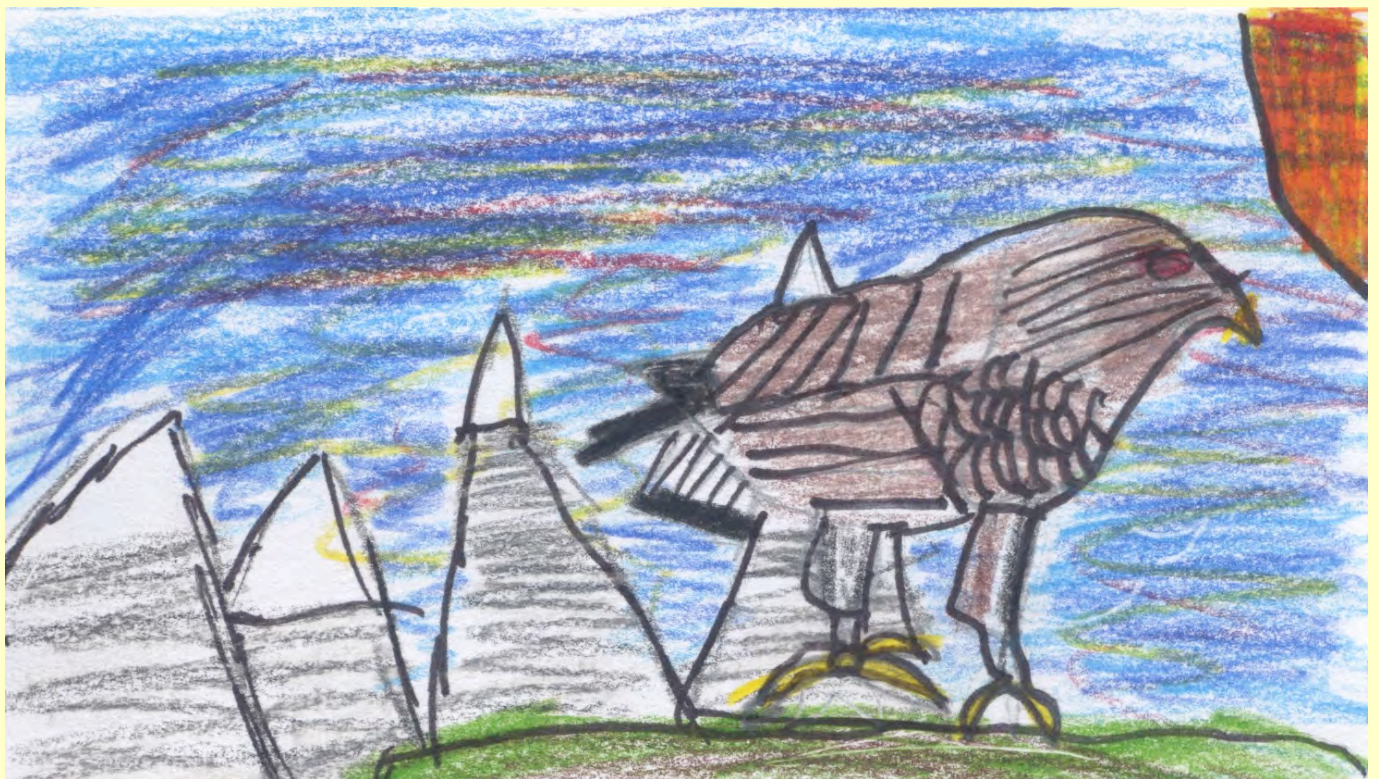


Brown, white and gold feathers

Second biggest eagle in the U.S.

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Hello, my name is Pale Shale and I'm a Golden Eagle! And I love being a Golden Eagle. I'm going to tell you some things about me. Keeping my feathers is illegal. At a steep dive, I go half as fast as a Peregrine Falcon at 120 miles per hour. The Peregrine Falcon goes 240 miles per hour. My eggs take 41 to 45 days to hatch. And my nest is made of roots, moss, eucalyptus leaves, dry grass, sticks and twigs. A nest is 8 to 10 feet across, and 3 to 4 feet deep.



Golden Eagle

Habitat:

- Western North America
- The Golden Eagle lives in the mountains
- Rare to see in Eastern States

Physical Description:

- Gold feathers on head and neck
- Hooked beak
- One of the birds in North America

Nest:

- 8 to 10 feet wide
- 3 to 4 feet deep
- Sticks, twigs and yucca roots
- Eucalyptus leaves
- Moss and dried grass

Eggs:

- 45 days till eggs hatch
- Mom and dad both sit on eggs

Food:

- Rabbits and other small mammals

Did You Know?

- Legs are all feathered
- A golden eagle flies half the speed of peregrine falcon

Voice/Song: High pitched scream, bark, keya, mews

Ryan and Jake

Yellow bill

Long beak



White

Long toes

I am a Great Egret. I am white and I have a long yellow beak. I have long black legs. I also have a big wingspan. I prefer to be in open spaces.



Great Egret

Habitat:

- River marsh
- Wetlands
- Streams

Physical Description:

- White
- 2 pounds
- Yellow bill

Nest:

- In trees
- Near water
- 100 feet off the ground

Eggs:

- 23 to 26 days to hatch
- 1 to 6 eggs in a clutch
- Light blue

Food:

- Fish
- Amphibians
- Rats

Did You Know?

- It's a carnivore

Voice/Song: Cuk bold croaking

Chloe & Jasper

Curved beak

Sharp talons



Big yellow eyes

Good hearing

A Great Horned Owl is usually 3 ½ pounds but has been documented killing prey as large as a Great Blue Heron and Sand Hill Crane.



Great Horned Owl

Habitat:

- Woodland
- Fields
- North America
- Rainforests

Physical Description:

- Big ear tufts
- Black, brown, white & gray feathers

Nest:

- Untidy nest made out of its own pellets
- Downy Feathers
- Twigs, leaves & bark

Eggs:

- 2 or 3 white eggs in a brood
- Incubation: 30-37 days

Food:

- Birds
- Mammals
- Frogs
- Snakes

Did You Know?

- Great Horned Owls scientific name is *Bubo Virginianus*

Voice/Song: HOO HOO HOO HOO HOO! UQACK !!!!!

Ben, Jordan and Miles

Pointy head

Long Tail



Red feathers for Males

Orange beak

Hi, my name is Apple because I am as red as an Apple. You might find me in your backyard or in the park but we mostly live in backyards. If you see me anywhere, don't be scared of me because I'm not that kind of bird that bites. Also, I do not have sharp claws so there is no way I can hurt you. I don't want you waiting too long so hear is one last thing and it's pretty cool...you might find me in your backyard!



Northern Cardinal

Habitat:

- Woods
- Parks
- Garden

Physical Description:

- Large thick red bill
- Black mask and throat
- Red crest

Nest:

- Female builds the nest
- Well hidden in trees

Eggs:

- Sometimes white with spots but mostly light blue with spots

Food:

- Seeds
- Sunflower seeds

Did You Know?

- Northern cardinals also can live in the desert but its rare.
- Cardinals don't migrate.

Voice/Song: Sounds like a person whistling

Levi and James

Hooked beak

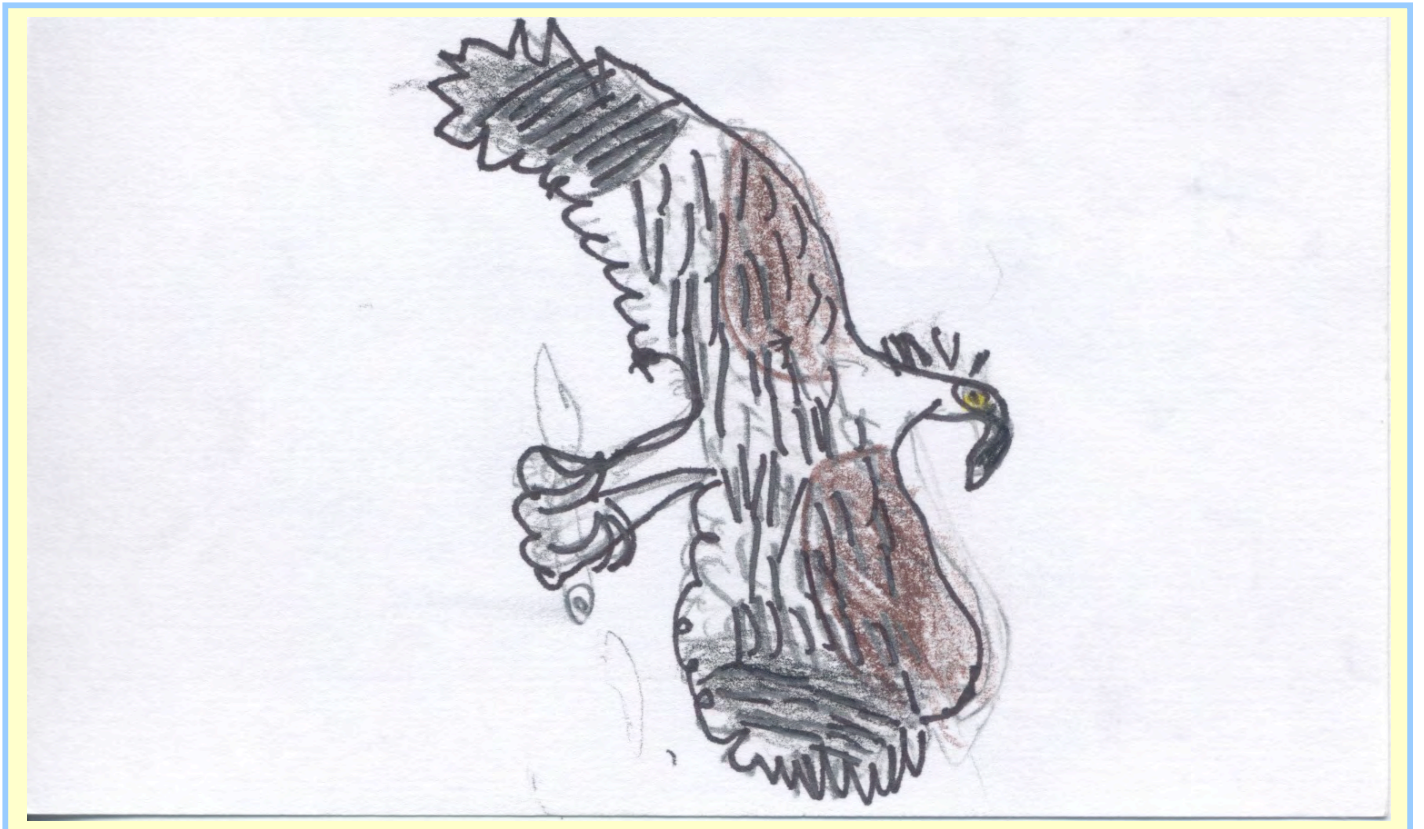
Yellow eyes



Talons

Tail feathers

I am an Osprey and I love fish! Did you know that fish is 99% of my diet? My back talons rotate when needed like when I have a slippery fish, I grip really hard so the fish wont get out of my grip.



Osprey

Habitat:

- Ponds
- Oceans
- Marshes
- Rivers
- Trees
- Bay

Physical Description:

- White
- Brown
- Black
- Yellow eyes
- Black and white

Nest:

- Twigs
- 3-6 feet
- 4-6 inches
- 10-13 feet deep

Eggs:

- 2.2-2.7in long
- 1.7-2in wide
- 1-4 eggs in a clutch
- 36-42 days to hatch
- Pinkish with red spots

Food:

- Fish
- Salamanders

Did You Know?

- Fish is 99% of an osprey's diet
- An osprey has the biggest nest in the world

Voice/Song: eee-eee-eee

Nicholas and Olivia

Sharp claws

Hooked beak



Talons

Pointed Wings

I am a Peregrine Falcon. I have a lot to say. I have a sharp beak to eat and claws to get my prey. I also have good eyes that help me see and get my prey.



Peregrine Falcon

Habitat:

- In North America
- Open landscapes and cliffs
- Grasslands
- Seashores

Physical Description:

- Hooked upper beaks
- Yellow legs
- Adults are black and white

Nest:

- Nest is on cliffs
- On buildings
- Build nest about 25-1,300 feet high in the air

Eggs:

- 29-32 days for eggs to hatch
- Length 2-2 in
- Width 1.6-1.9 inches
- Pale creamy to brownish color

Food:

- Mostly shore birds
- Ducks
- Pigeons
- Songbirds
- bats

Did You Know?

- The Peregrine falcon is the fastest animal and fastest diver.
- Its wingspan is 2.4-3.9 feet
- The Peregrine falcon used to be called the pigeon hawk

Voice/Song: It's sound is like kak! Kak! Ka ka!

Jonah, Lexi and Harrison

Red tail

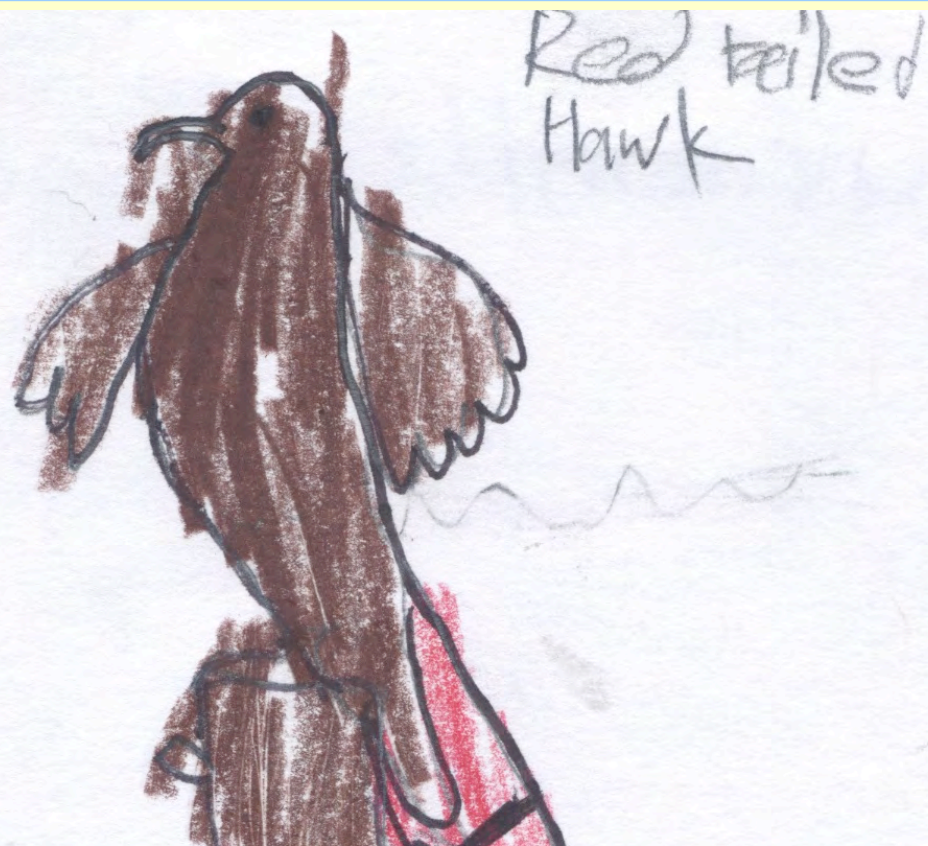
Hooked beak



White chest

Curved talons

Hi! I am a Red-Tailed Hawk. I have a sharp curved beak and I use my sharp beak to eat rodents and other small animals. My tail is red with a black strip. I have brown feathers on my body. My belly is white and I have sharp talons. I have brown eyes. I have really good eyesight.



Red-Tailed Hawk

Habitat:

- Trees
- Back yard
- Parks
- Open fields

Physical Description:

- Brown feathers
- White chest
- Red tail
- Hooked beak

Nest:

- 4 to 6 feet deep
- 4 to 6 feet wide
- Sticks
- 25 to 30 feet long

Eggs:

- Brown dots
- 2 to 4 eggs in a clutch
- White
- 2 to 3 inches

Food:

- Fish
- Small animals
- Rodents
- Other birds

Did You Know?

- Red-tailed hawks can eat redwing black birds.
- Red-tailed hawks are 4 feet.

Voice/Song: A harsh keeeeer-keeeeer-keeeeer!

Rachel, Samara and Elle

Black wings

Brown smooth
beak



Black eyes

Red and black

Hi! I am a Scarlet Tanager. I live in forests. I am black and red. I have a brown beak. I have black nails. And by the way my name is Lucy. I have black eyes. I have feathers that are a little bit spikey. I have black feet.



Scarlet Tanager

Habitat:

- Eastern North America
- Breed in forests
- Lives in park
- Grassland
- Garden

Physical Description:

- Red and black
- Medium-sized
- Thick rounded beak
- Head is large

Nest:

- Females take about 3-4 days to build the nest
- The nest is about 50 feet or more from the ground

Eggs:

- The color is green blue to light blue speckled with chestnut, purplish, red and lilac

Food:

- Fruit
- Insects
- Tender buds

Did You Know?

- Strong flyers
- Females sing a song similar to the males but softer

Voice/Song: Males sing differently than females. A male sings just like a robin like song.

Juliette and Quin

White

Big body



Big wings

Big yellow eyes

I am a snowy owl. My name is Snowy because I look like snow. I have big yellow eyes and big wings too! I live all over North America. My summers are spent far north of the Arctic Circle.



Snowy Owl

Habitat:

- Grass land
- North America
- Arctic

Physical Description:

- White with black markings
- Females are darker than males

Nest:

- It nests on the tundra
- A male selects the place for the nest
- They like to nest in places blown free of snow

Eggs:

- They are white
- It takes 32 days to hatch
- They can lay about 3-11 eggs

Food:

- Fish
- Birds

Did You Know?

- A snowy owl can sit in the same spot for hours!!

Voice/Song: They have low hoots