



PAM'S CLASS BIRD FIELD GUIDE



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Leah, Kailani and Creighton

Eats meat

Loves fish



Young body
brown

White tail
feathers

I'm a Bald Eagle. I lay one to three eggs. I'm a raptor. I have a chocolate brown body. I eat meat. I have a curved beak. I have talons. My wingspan is 80.3 inches long (8 feet). I am the national bird of the United States. My eye is almost as big as a human adult.



Bald Eagle

Habitat:

- Water
- Tree
- Marshes
- Coasts
- Forest

Physical Description:

- White head
- Chocolate brown body

Nest:

- On trees
- Cliff
- Twigs
- Feathers
- Leaves
- Spikes

Eggs:

- One to three eggs
- Oval
- White
- As big as a tennis ball

Food:

- Fish
- Ducks
- Geese
- Rabbits

Did You Know?

Use to be endangered

Don't sweat

Female's bigger than males

Voice/Song: tweet, tweet, whistle, whistle

Mia, William and Gregory

Black Eye

Thin beak



White belly

Black beak

I am a Blue Jay I am blue, white and black. I have a long tail. I have black eyes and I am small. I have blue wings. I say my name Jay! Jay! Jay! I am a perching bird. I steal eggs from an other birds and I live in forests on oak trees.



Blue Jay

Habitat:

- Oak tree
- Forest
- Parks

Physical Description:

- The male has a mohawk
- Black beak
- Perching bird
- White bale
- Black eye
- Blue

Nest:

- Twigs
- Grass
- Sometimes mud

Eggs:

- White with black polka dots
- Round
- Blue Jays lay 2-7 eggs

Food:

- Insects
- Nuts
- Seeds
- Sometimes rodents

Did You Know?

Thousands of Blue Jays migrate along great lakes and Atlantic coasts.

Blue Jays are known to steal eggs and nestlings of other birds.

Voice/Song: Jay! Jay! Jay! Jay! Jay! Jay!

Luke, Elizabeth and Tilly

Patterns

Common



Near water

Yellow eyes

I am an Eastern Screech Owl. My head is as big as a mini soccer ball. I am nocturnal. I have sharp talons. I have a curved beak. I have symmetrical ears. My colors are brown and a little bit of white. My beak is small and curved. I have two feathers that pop out of my head. I eat tiny fruit, insects and tiny birds. I make my own body heat. I am in the birds of prey group. I live in tree cavities.



Eastern Screech Owl

Habitat:

- Live in forests
- Tree cavities

Physical Description:

- Patterns
- They have very good eye sight
- Yellow eyes

Nest:

- They don't build nests
- They nest in wood piles

Eggs:

- They are white
- No spots

Food:

- Small insects
- Small seeds
- Small fruits
- Small birds

Did You Know?

The Eastern Screech Owl measures 16 to 25 inches.

Males have more than one mate.

Voice/Song: high pitch nay

Rafferty, Yvette and Jack

Hooting
voice

Screechy
voice



Eats bigger
things than
itself

It eats
porcupines

I am the great horned owl I am brown white and orange
at night I wake up and hunt for food. And then I catch it
with my talons and rip it apart. I twist my head around
and around for predators I have a hooting voice when I
catch food I use it to call over owls for food.



Great Horned Owl

Habitat:

- Wet lands
- Open area
- Forest
- Desert
- Back yards
- Cities

Physical Description:

- The great horned owl eyes are gold
- Forward beak
- 39.8-57.1 in 101-145 cm

Nest:

- In tree holes
- Twigs
- Leaves
- Branches

Eggs:

- White eggs
- 1-4 eggs
- Egg length 4.5-4.7
- Description dull white

Food:

- Eats rodents
- Bunnies
- Skunks
- Chipmunks

Did You Know?

Great Horned Owls have feathers on its horns.

They are nocturnal

Voice/Song: Hoot, hoot, hoot, hoot, screech

Ava, Chella and Sara

Large

Have wings



White

Water bird

I am a Mute Swan. I eat aquatic plants like pondweed, waterweed, coontail, wild rice, and wild celery. My eggs are blue-green. I lay about 1-11 eggs. I live in a lake or a pond. I am white, and large. I can fly. I also have wings. My beak is orange and I also have a curved neck. My body length is 50-59.8 and almost 7 feet. My wingspan 81.9-93.7in and I weigh, 194-504.40z.



Mute Swan

Habitat:

- Open water
- Shallow ponds
- Lakes
- Found mainly in Europe and across Western Asia

Physical Description:

- Long curved neck
- Orange bill
- Black face
- White and large

Nest:

- They build their nest on banks
- It looks like an open bowl

Eggs:

- 1-11 eggs
- Blue-green

Food

- Aquatic plants
- Sometimes aquatic animals
- Pondweed
- Waterweed

Did You Know?

Some states are attempting to control Mute Swans.

Voice/Song: Snort, grunt or hiss

Brianna, Michelle and Andrew

Red

Whistles



Red

Pointed
Crest

I am a Northern Cardinal. I'm red and my face is black. My whistle is "cheer, cheer". I have a pointed crest. I have a bright red body. I live in backyards and shrubby places. like bushes and trees. I sing a nice song. If I am a female I am brown. I eat seeds fruit and insects. I am a perching bird.



Northern Cardinal

Habitat:

- Dense Shrubby Place
- Forest edges
- Backyards

Physical Description:

- Ears that look like holes
- Long tail
- Orange beak

Nest:

- Forest, trees
- Shrubby Places
- Northern America

Eggs:

- Spotted
- 2 to 5 egg
- 1-15 feet high on trees

Food:

- Seeds
- Fruit
- Insects

Did You Know?

It is the state bird of 7 different states. A major league baseball and football team is named after the Northern Cardinal.

Voice/Song: "cheer, cheer"

Nicole, Ella and Marco

Sharp
talons

Bird of
Prey



Sharp /curved
beak

Raptor

I am a Peregrine Falcon. I am an endangered animal. I am a bird of prey. I am the fastest bird. I eat small animals and smaller birds. My breeding season is from March to May. My eggs are pale.



Peregrine Falcon

Habitat:

- North America
- Mountains
- Skyscrapers
- Water towers

Physical Description:

- Beaks are hooked and sharp
- Sharp talons
- Yellow legs
- Eyes are larger than human eyes

Nest:

- Cliffs
- Buildings
- Water towers

Eggs:

- Pale/Light brown eggs
- Nesting period 35 to 42 days
- Breeding season March to May

Food:

- Small birds and small rodents

Did You Know?

Peregrine Falcons are becoming endangered. They are the fastest bird. Some Peregrine Falcons nest on the rim of the Grand Canyon.

Voice/Song: caw, caw, caw

Isabella, Ellie and Noah

Brick Red
Tail

talon



Carved beak

Bird Of
Prey

I am a Red Tail Hawk. I eat mice wood rats, Ground Squirrels. And other birds like starlings, blue Jays, Kookaburra. I like rodents. I have a red tail. My eggs are round and have spots. I have very long talons.



Red Tailed Hawk

Habitat:

- The Red Tailed Hawk is a bird of open country
- They live in forest.
- And parks.

Physical Description:

- Curved beak
- And vary sharp talons
- It is a bird of pray.

Nest:

- Near the end of a building
- Top of a cactus
- Tree

Eggs:

- They have spots and a point at the end

Food:

- Rodents
- Rats
- Snakes
- Rabbits

Did You Know?

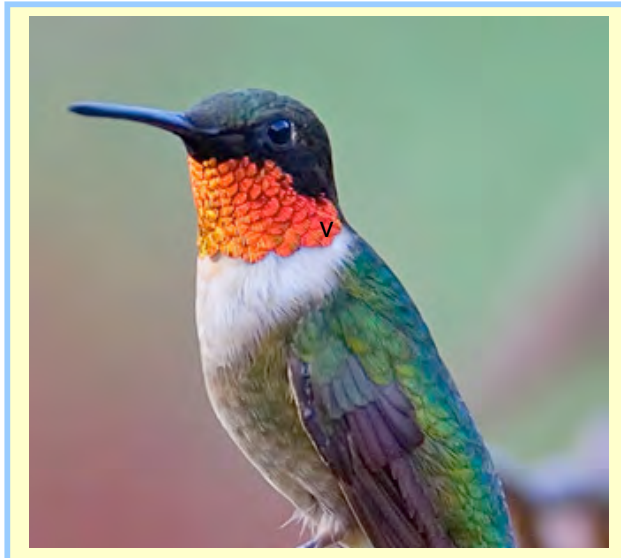
It's the most common hawk in North America. They grow up to 25 inches long. It can spot a moose 100 feet high.

Voice/Song: Scream sounds like a raptor

Alex, Risa and Michael

Perching
Feet

Long bill



Ruby
Throat

Eats Nectar

I am a Ruby Throated Humming Bird. I live in North America. My scientific name is *Archiochus colures* (genus and species). I am a beautiful bird. I migrate south to Mexico to find food in the winter.



Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Habitat:

- Ruby Throated Hummingbirds live in North America in the woodland.

Physical Description:

- They are tiny and have a ruby throat they are green and bright emerald and black.

Nest:

- It nests in the trees of North America.
- Made out of sticks

Eggs:

- The eggs go up to 1 to 3 eggs the eggs are tiny and white.

Food:

- Nectar
- Pollen

Did You Know?

The Ruby Throated Hummingbird beats its wings about 53 times a second.

Voice/Song: tweet, tweet