

Pam's Class Bird Field Guide



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Victor and Ethan

Hooked beak

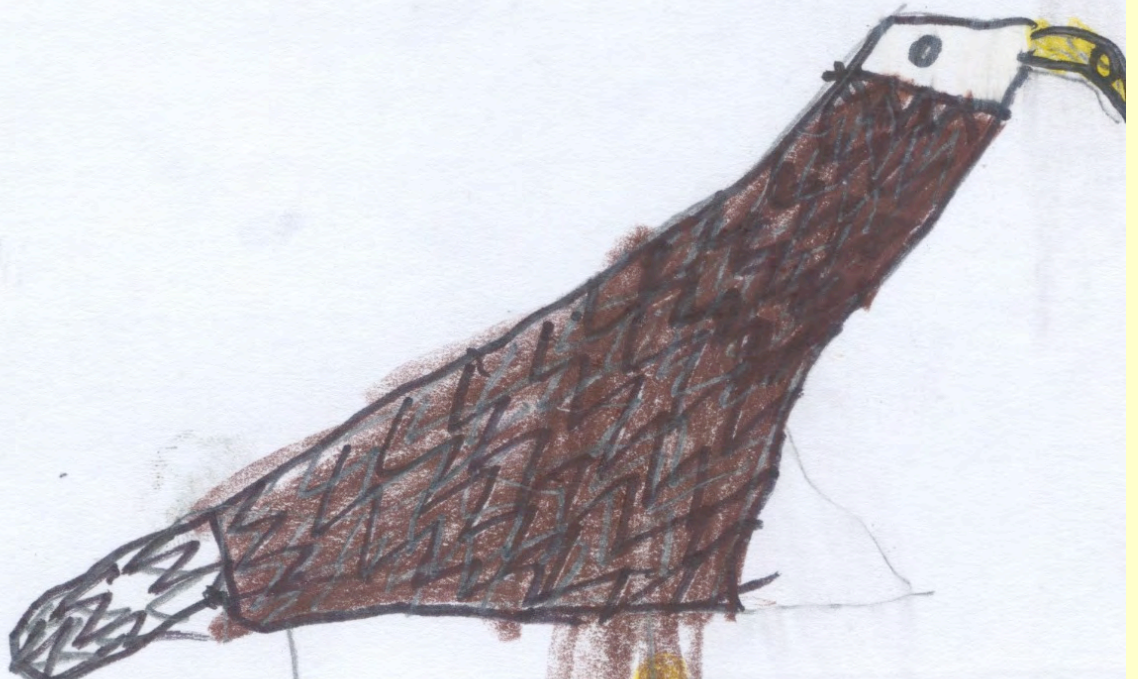
Large wings



Sharp claws

Great eyesight

I am the Bald Eagle. My wings are 79-90 inches. My beak is hooked and is called a shredder. I have been the symbol of the United States since 1767. My claws are sharp. I am white, yellow, and brown. My body is shaped like a golden eagle. My beak is used for ripping up food. My beak is my nose and my mouth. I use my beak for catching prey.



Bald Eagle

Habitat:

- High places
- In forests near running water with fish in it

Physical Description:

- The Bald Eagles beak is yellow
- The Bald Eagles feathers are white, brown and yellow

Nest:

- Bald Eagles nests are disc shaped
- The Bald Eagle nests are about 3 feet high

Eggs:

- Bald Eagles lay buff colored eggs
- The Bald Eagle lays 1-3 eggs a year

Food:

- The Bald Eagle normally eats fish
- The Bald Eagle two top food are frogs and foxes

Did You Know?

- The Bald Eagles wingspan is 80 inches
- The Bald Eagles feet are 200 times heavier than our hands

Voice/Song: Chirp Chirp

Danny, Nate and Luna

Thick neck

Long legs



Sharp beak

1 toe in the back of the foot

I am a Baltimore Oriole .My beak is called a tweezer. My beak is small for catching insects. I eat insects, fruit and nectar. I live in orchards, forest edges, high trees, cities and the suburbs. I migrate to Baltimore when it is winter in other states. I sound like a conk-a-reeee. I have a white bar on my wing. I perch on branches to spot my prey. I am a perching bird. My feet have 3 toes on the front of my foot, and one toe on the back on my foot.



Baltimore Oriole

Habitat:

- River banks
- Orchards
- Forest edge
- Backyards
- Parks
- High trees
- Open woodlands

Physical Description:

- Medium size body
- Black and orange tail
- Long legs
- Short beak for catching insects
- Sturdy body
- Black and orange feathers

Nest:

- Made of sticks
- Make nest in tree cavity
- 1 brood a year
- 11 to 14 days (nesting period)
- They catch insects in nest

Eggs:

- Pale, Brown, Blue, Gray, Black, white or violet (Egg color)
- Lay 3 to 7 eggs at a time
- 0.8-1 in (Egg Length)
- 0.6-0.7 in (Egg width)

Food:

- Caterpillars
- Beetles
- Snails
- Crickets

Did You Know?

- Baltimore Orioles got their name from their feather colors

Voice/Song: Chirping sound like a whistle

Samantha and Emily

Perching feet

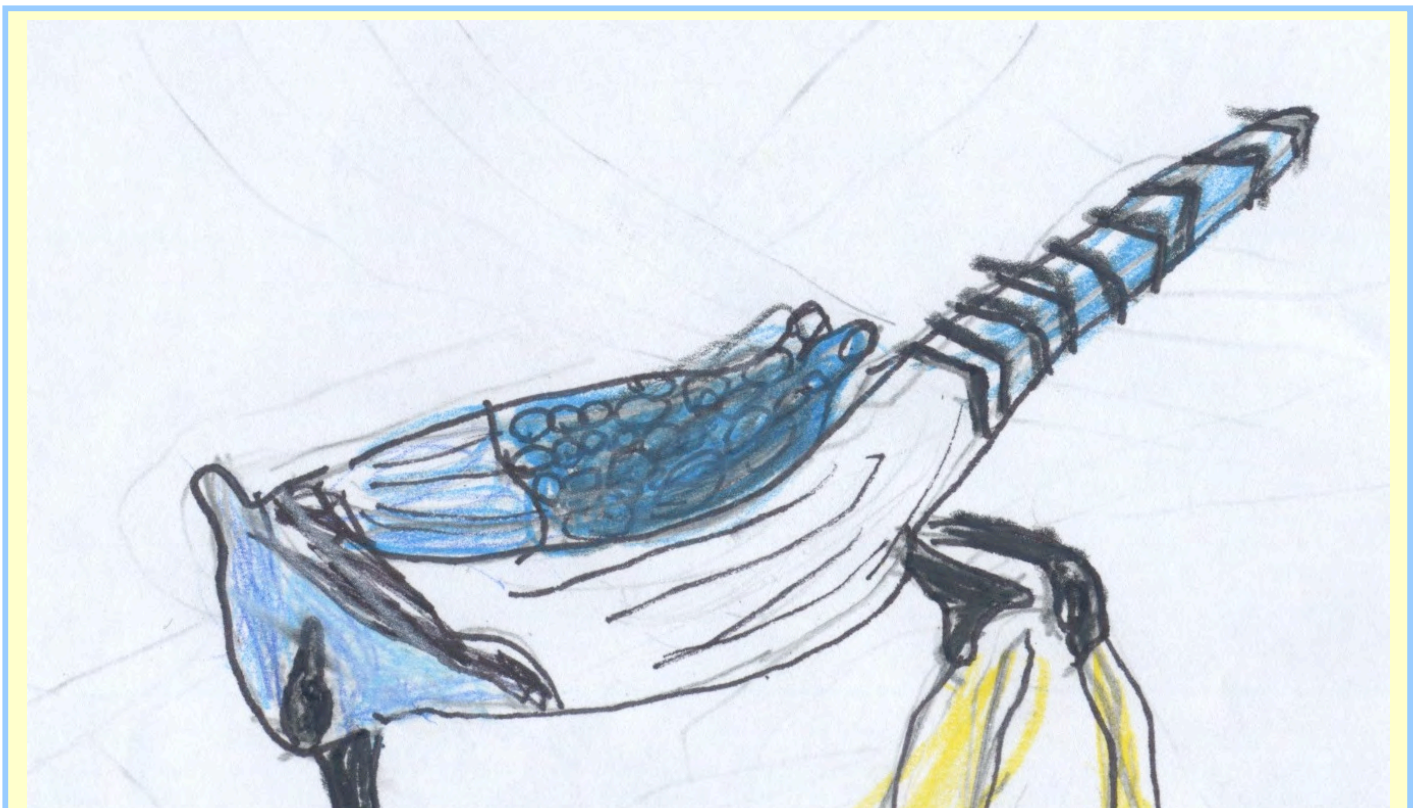
Pointy Beak



Perky crest

White, gray, blue and black

I am a Blue Jay. I have a pointy beak. I use my beak to get food. I eat insects, baby birds, grasshoppers and nuts. I am actually grey but in the light, it looks like I am blue. I migrate to the South. I live in Texas but I mostly live by oak trees. My feet are black and perching.



Blue Jays

Habitat:

- Blue Jays are usually found in South Florida, Central America, and Northeastern Texas.
- Blue Jays are found in forest edges but especially near oak trees.

Physical Description:

- Blue Jays are mostly blue but they have white on their abdomen and breasts and a little black on its head.
- Blue Jays feathers are blue, black and white. Their breast is white. Their beak is black.

Nest:

- Blue Jays build their nests in the crotch or thick outer branches of a deciduous or coniferous tree
- 10-25 feet above the ground

Eggs:

- 2-7 eggs in a clutch
- Bluish or light brown
- 17-18 days to hatch

Food:

- Acorns
- Nuts and grains
- Fruits

Did You Know?

- Blue Jays mimics the calls of hawks
- The oldest Blue Jay lived to be 17 years and 6 months old

Voice/Song: A loud beep sound that sounds like "jeer jeer". Clear whistle sounds

Nicholas and Betsy

Skinny and pointy beak

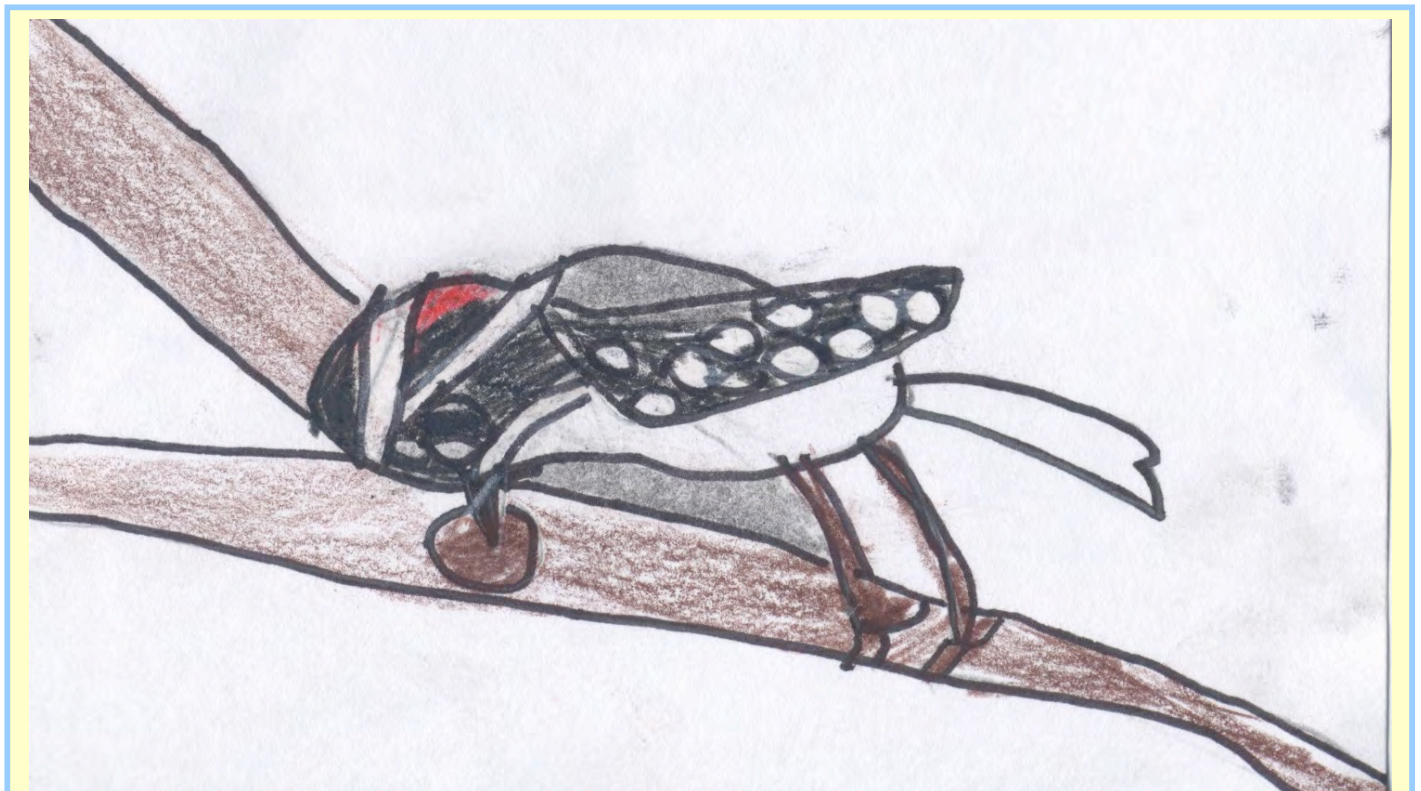
Black and white spots on wings



Crown

Red patch on males

I am a Downy Woodpecker. I have spots on my wings. I have white field marks that are dots. I have a red patch on my head. I have a black bill. My bill is skinny, pointy, and strong. I eat insects and fruit. I do not migrate but I fly far distances. I can poke my bill in trees to find food.



Downy Woodpecker

Habitat:

- Open woodlands
- Parks
- Open areas
- Backyards

Physical Description:

- White and black on wings
- Red on head
- Black on crown
- 5 to 7 inches
- Black and white feathers

Nest:

- Cavities
- It will take 2 weeks to make a nest
- Nest in dead trees

Eggs:

- White color
- 3-8 white eggs in a clutch
- Male sits on eggs for about 12 days

Food:

- Beetle larvae
- They eat mostly insects
- Sunflower seeds
- They also eat fruit

Did You Know?

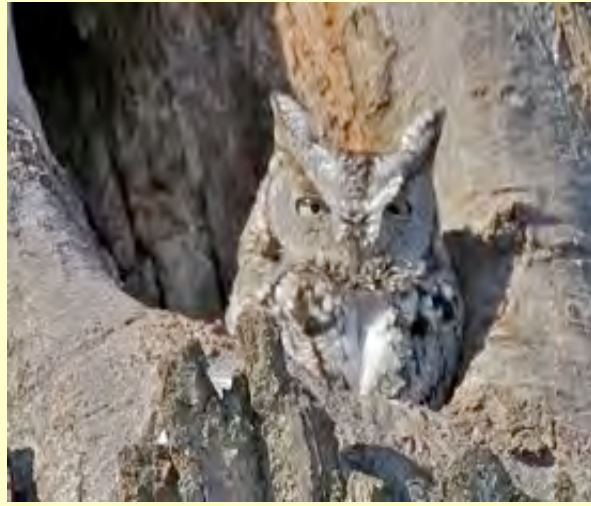
- They have two toes in the front and back.

Voice/Song: Sounds like a drum. High voice.

Claire and Max

Almost no neck

Pointy ears



Curved beak

Yellow eyes

I'm an Eastern Screech Owl. I have a curved beak for tearing apart meat. I live by lakes, trees and sometimes mountains. I have talons so I can grab my food and kill my food. I eat insects, bird's mammals and reptiles. There are different types of my kind. I have different kinds of feathers so I can camouflage in my habitat.



Eastern Screech Owl

Habitat:

- Trees
- Lakes
- Mountains
- City

Physical Description:

- Its short and tiny
- It has a large head
- It has almost no neck
- It is 10 to 8 in.
- Pointed ears

Nest:

- Mailboxes
- Cavities
- Doesn't make a nest but uses other bird's nest

Eggs:

- It takes 26 days for a baby to hatch
- They lay 3 to 4 eggs
- It lays 1 egg a day
- They hatch in order their laid

Food:

- Bats
- Insects
- Birds
- Mice

Did You Know?

- An Eastern Screech Owl is both a prey and a predator
- The color of their feathers help them camouflage with trees

Voice/Song: Almost like a horse noise but lower noise. Noise repeating itself and breaks in between. Like a bat sometimes.

Madison, Mark and Esther

Round head

White patch on throat



Yellow eyes

Oval body

I am a Great Horned Owl. I have big yellow eyes. I can see in the dark. I have sharp talons. I have ear like tufts. I use my beak to cut up big prey. I am slightly larger than a Red-Tailed Hawk. I live in North America. I have a high and low hoot. My beak is called a shredder. I eat mice, raptors, and scorpions. My feathers are soft and brown. I have an oval body.



Great Horned Owl

Habitat:

- North America
- Forests
- Wetlands
- Grasslands
- South America
- Cities

Physical Description:

- Ear like tufts
- Big yellow eyes
- Chocolate brown stripes
- Shredder beak

Nest:

- Trees
- Cavities in trees
- Take nests from other animals
- In cottonwood, juniper and pine trees

Eggs:

- Dull and white eggs
- 1-4 eggs
- Ruff surface
- Hatch's once a year

Food:

- Hare
- Raptors
- Rats
- Skunk

Did You Know?

- Great Horned Owls are slightly bigger than Red Tail Hawks.

Voice/Song: High and low hoots

Tess and Laura

Thick bill

Striped backs



Full chest

Round head

I am a house sparrow. I have a round head. I have a sharp bill. I have round eyes. I have a small body. My bill is thick and short. My bill is used to pick up worms from the ground and dirt. I use my feet to hop more than walk. My bill is the shape of a triangle. My habitat is cities, towns, suburbs and farms. I do not migrate. I eat seed, berries, bugs and fruits. Males and females have a different color bills. I have spots where there are different colors then brown.



House Sparrow

Habitat:

- Live near humans
- Cities
- Parks
- Zoos
- Roofs
- Trees

Physical Description:

- Short bill
- Black and brown stripes on back
- Round body
- Males have black necks
- Round eyes
- Brown

Nest:

- Holes
- Buildings
- Structures
- Streetlights
- Gas stations
- Cavities

Eggs:

- House sparrow have 1 to 4 broods
- Males and females sit on eggs
- 10 to 14 days for eggs to hatch

Food:

- Seeds
- Grains
- Grass
- Bugs

Did You Know?

- House sparrows swim under water
- House sparrows first came to Brooklyn in the U.S.

Voice/Song: A cheeping sound

Jenna, Manaka and Luca

Long curved neck

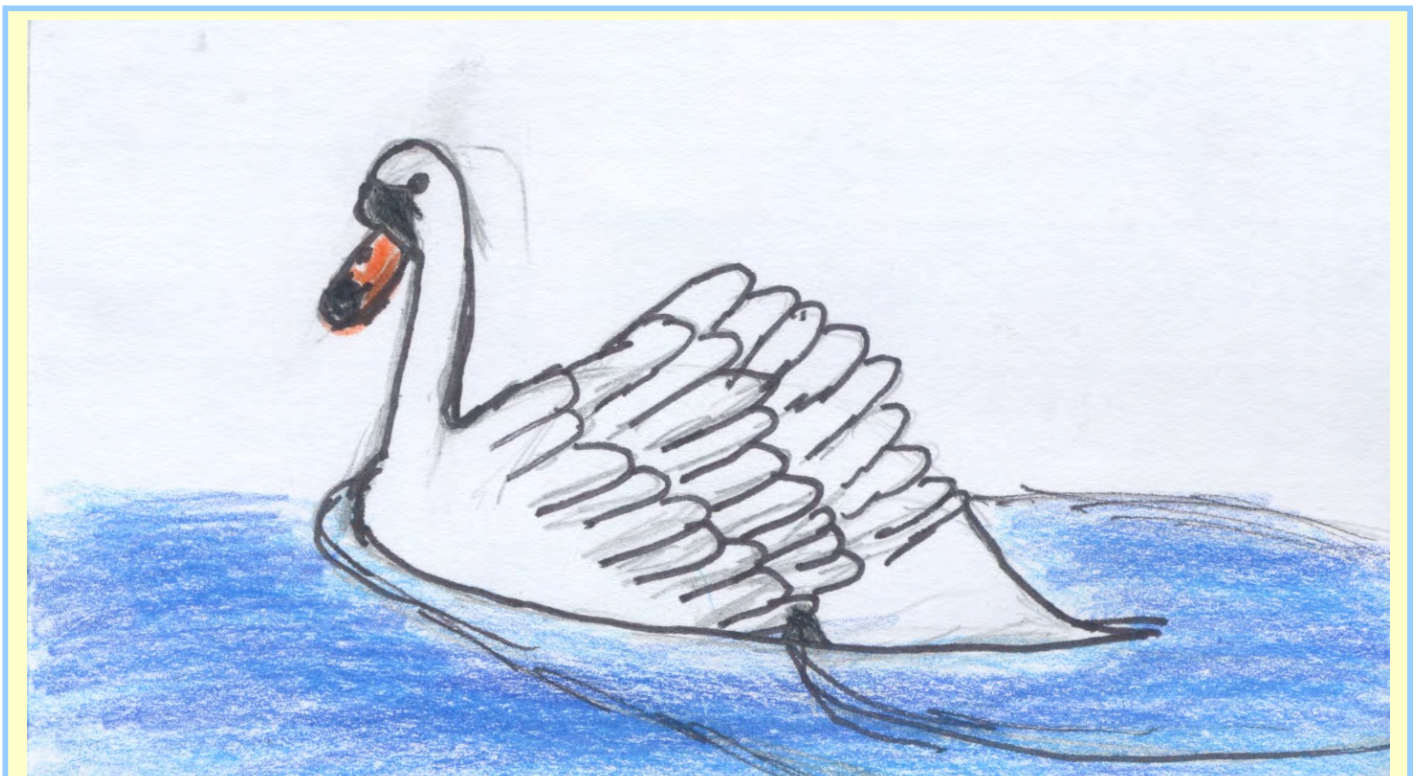
Black face



Orange bill

White feathers

I am a mute swan. I have an orange bill with a black bump on it and I use it for grabbing fish out of the water. My locations are usually in lakes, rivers and ponds. My eggs are light gray or a blue color. My feathers are white and I am known for my beauty and as a grace/love bird. My voice is usually heard as a snort or a growl. I eat frogs, fish, worms and sea plants. My nest is big it is made out of cattail feather tips.



Mute Swan

Habitat:

- Long Island and estates
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Ponds
- Europe, North America and Asia

Physical Description:

- White feathers
- Long curved neck
- Orange bill
- Black Face

Nest:

- Cattail feather tips
- Twigs and branches
- Leaf's

Eggs:

- Light gray or blue
- Can have small amount of eggs

Food:

- Water plants
- Frogs
- Fish

Did you know?

- A mute swan doesn't have a voice

Voice/Song: My voice is usually heard as a snort or a growl

Marco, Emma and Gelson

Black face

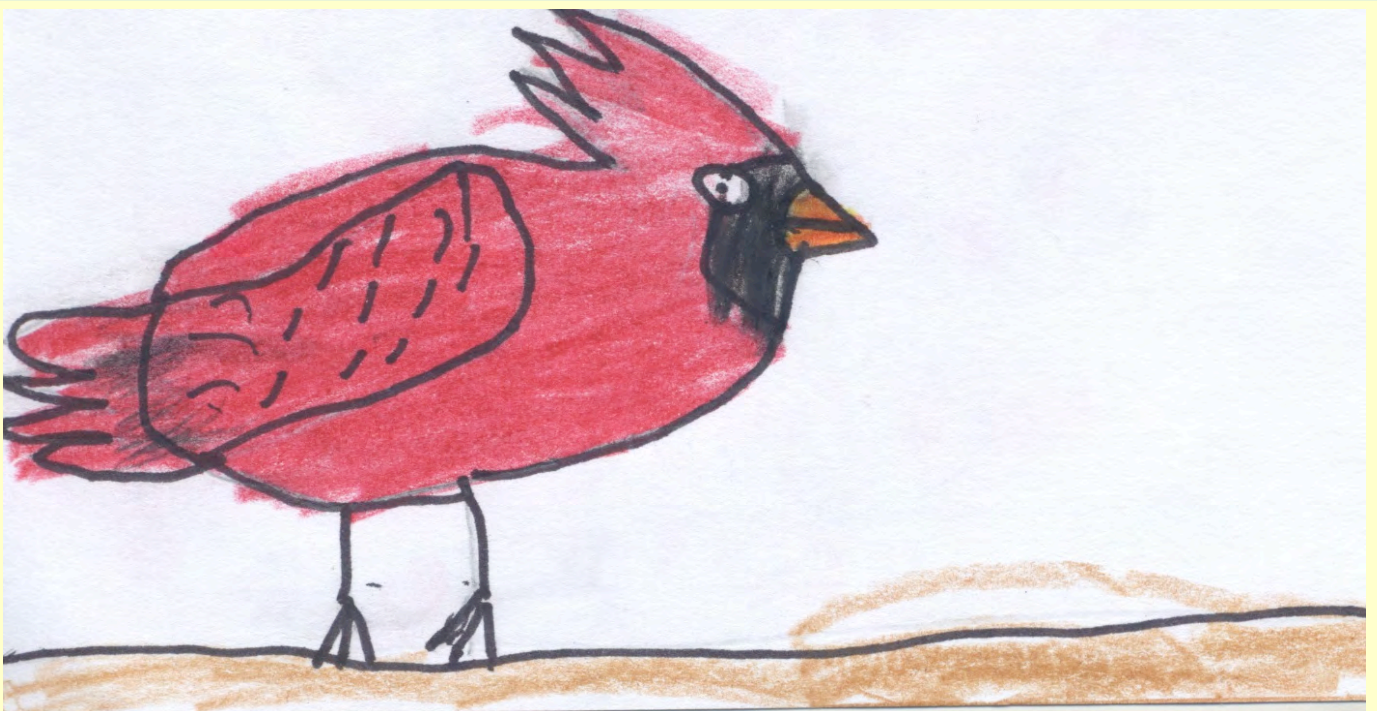
Perching feet



Long tail

Short and thick bill

I am a Northern Cardinal. I live in edges of forests. I also live in overgrown fields and backyards. I have a cracker beak and it is used to crack nuts and seeds. I eat fruit, nuts and seeds. I do not migrate! The shape of my beak is cone shaped. My feet are sharp for perching on trees. I am red all over and I have a black face. Females (of my kind) have brown and gray feathers.



Northern Cardinal

Habitat:

- Northern Cardinals live in backyards, overgrown fields, thickets, shrub lands and forests.

Physical Description:

- Black face
- Bright red feathers
- Red and orange beaks
- Females are pale brown with red

Nest:

- Females go to different nesting sites to gather twigs and the male helps to bring the nesting material
- Females turn twigs into a cup shape to make the nest

Eggs:

- They lay 2-5 eggs at the same time.
- The egg length is 0.9-1.1 inches.
- It takes 11 to 13 days for their eggs to hatch.
- Their eggs are greenish white.

Food:

- Nuts
- Fruit
- Seeds
- Corn

Did You Know?

- Another name for them is Cardinal Rojo
- The oldest Cardinal was 15 years and 9 months old

Voice/Song: Whistles. Can sound like it is singing "cheer, cheer, cheer or birdie, birdie, birdie"

Kimi, Leo and Hunter

Yellow feet

Thick sideburns



Long pointed wings

Long tail

I am the Peregrine Falcon. I live in barrier islands, mudflats, coastlines, lake edges, and mountain chains. My beak is curved and nice and sharp. I eat shorebirds, ptarmigan, ducks, grebes, gulls, storm petrels, pigeons, sunbirds, thrushes, longspurs, buntings, larks, waxwings, and starlings. My wingspan is 100-110cm. I migrate from Alaska to Argentina.



Peregrine Falcon

Habitat:

- They live in rivers, cliffs, coastlines, cities, mudflats/lakes, edges and mountain chains.

Physical Description:

- Long pointed wings
- Long tail
- The adults are blue gray above with thick sideburns.

Nest:

- They nest on cliffs from about 25-1,300 feet high (and higher, including on the Grand Canyon).

Eggs:

- They nest 2-5 eggs a time
- They lay 1 brood
- 35-42 days to hatch

Food:

- They eat shore birds, ptarmigan, ducks, grebes, gulls, storm petrels, pigeons, songbirds, and starlings.

Did You Know?

- The Peregrine Falcon is a very fast flier and can fly up to 65mph when catching its prey

Voice/Song: Loud and harsh "kak" "kak" "kak"

Bennett, Kohan and Deyna

Hooked beak

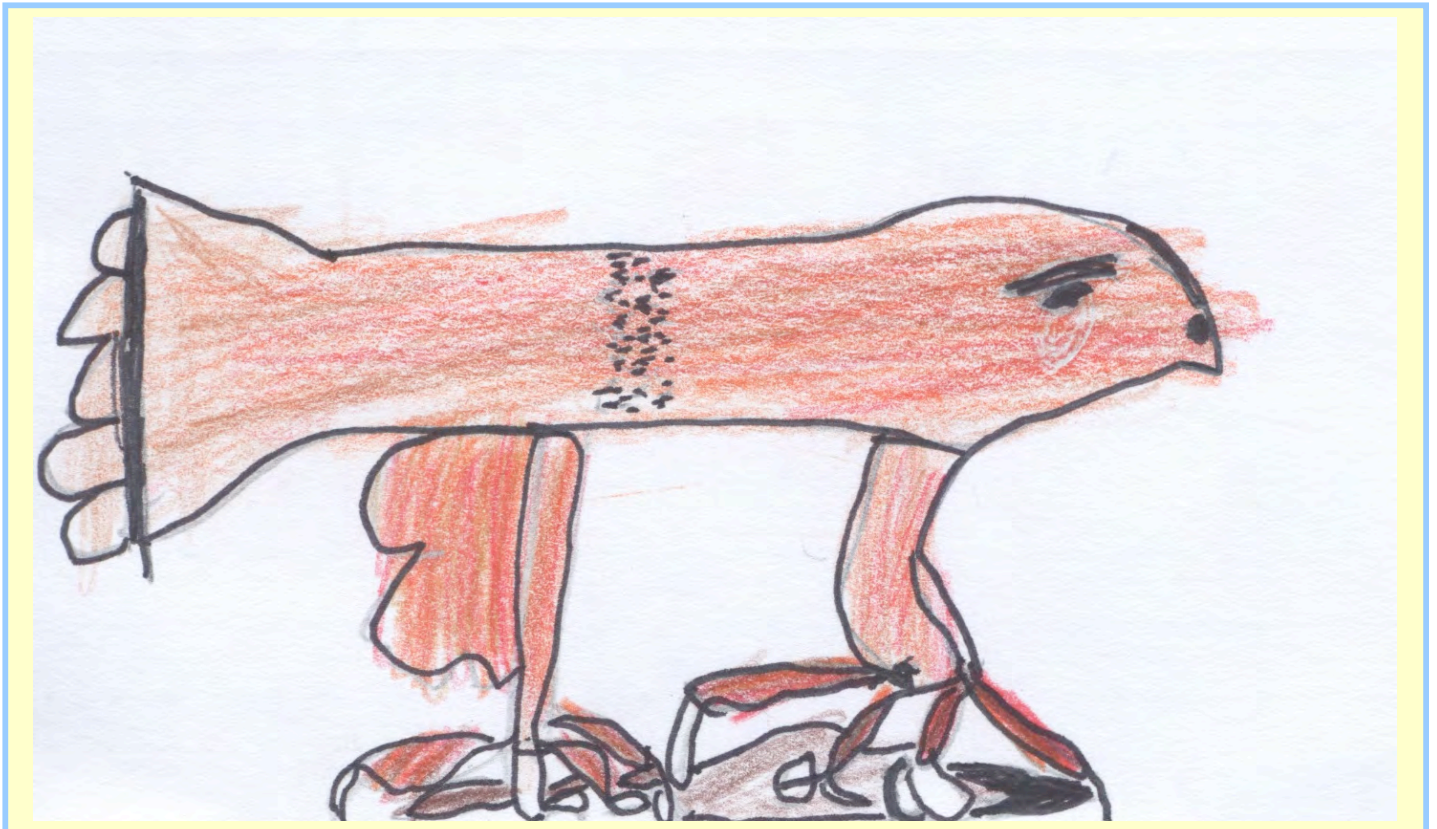
Talons



Short wide tail

Round wings

I'm a Red-Tailed Hawk. I have a hooked beak that is called a shedder. I use my beak to tear up meat. My habitat is in cities. I have talons that help me catch my prey. I'm the only bird with pale feathers. I don't migrate.



Red-Tailed Hawk

Habitat:

- North America
- Cities
- Woodlands
- Parks
- Deserts
- Grasslands

Physical Description:

- Red tail
- Shredder Beak
- Talon's
- Pale feathers
- Tail feather
- Head

Nest:

- Mud
- Sticks
- Twigs

Eggs:

- Big eggs
- White eggs
- 28-35 days to hatch
- Lays 1-5 eggs

Food:

- Eat meat
- Other birds

Did You Know?

- Red tailed Hawks have predators
- The oldest Red-Tailed Hawk was 28 years and 10 months old

Voice/Song: Kee-eeeeee-arr

Oren, Jack and Sabine

Fast beat wings

Probe beak



Ruby throat

Small and bright colors

I am the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird. I migrate from Central America to Canada. I eat from orange, yellow and red tubular flowers. I can hover up and down. I am the only bird that can fly backwards. I beat my wings 53 times a second. I am the smallest bird in New York City. I am red green white and black. I have a probe beak it is used like a straw to suck up nectar. I live in field's orchards and woodlands. I eat nectar, insects, spiders and tree sap.



Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

Habitat:

- Gardens
- Woodlands
- Backyards
- Orchards

Physical Description:

- Plumage: green and red and also white and black
- Long thin beak
- Small body
- Ruby throat
- Black beak tail wings and feet

Nest:

- Walnut sized
- It's made of thistle and dandelion and held together with spider silk
- 6 to 10 days to make
- 10-40 feet above the ground

Eggs:

- Pea sized eggs
- One to three eggs and one to two broods
- Laid two to three days apart
- The incubation period is twelve to fourteen days

Food:

- Nectar
- Bugs
- Spider
- Tree sap

Did You Know?

- It's the only bird that can fly backwards
- It beats it's wings 53 times a second
- It's the smallest bird in New York City

Voice/Song: Makes high twittering squeaks