



(photo: US Fish and Wildlife)

BALD EAGLE

Appearance: Adults about 4 to 5 years in age are identified by their white head and tail, solid brown body, and large, curved, yellow bill.

Size: They are about 3 ft. in height and have a wing span of 7 ft. They can weigh anywhere from 8 to 14 pounds.

Range: This North American bird can be found anywhere from Alaska and Canada to Florida. They live near water and eat fish, birds, and small mammals.

Facts: They can live up to 30 years in wild and 45 years in captivity. Can fly 20-40 mph and dive up to 100mph



(photo: US Fish and Wildlife)

EASTERN SCREECH OWL

Appearance: Gray or Grayish-Brown Red with feathered ear tufts.

Size: Small owls only weighing 4-8 ounces, 6-10 inches in height and have a 1 ½ to 2 ft. wingspan.

Range: Eastern North America, from Texas and Florida to Maine. They inhabit wooded areas and feed on large insects, rodents and small birds.

Facts: Pairs usually are monogamous and remain together for life. They are strictly nocturnal. They are named screech owls because of the sound of their calls



(photo: Wikipedia)

BARRED OWL

Appearance: Rounded head, white underside with dark streaks. No ear tufts.

Size: This is a large owl about 17-20 in. It weighs about 16-37 ounces and has a wingspan of about 40 in.

Range: Canada and the Eastern Us and Central America; inhabits forested land including swamps. It feeds on small mammals, fish and birds.

Facts: They are the species most likely to be active during the day, compared with other North American owls. Belly feathers of some Barred Owls are pink, this is thought to be the result of eating lots of crayfish.



(photo: Wikipedia)

BARN OWL

Appearance: White underside, blackish brown top feathers with black and white spots. Heart-shaped white face with rounded head and dark eyes.

Size: About 13-16 inches in length with a wingspan of 39-49 inches. They also have long legs.

Range: Found worldwide except for Antarctica. They inhabit open country such as farmlands or the edges of forests. They feed on frogs, insects and rodents.

Facts: Sometimes called monkey-faced owls because of their appearance. There are 46 different types of barn owls known worldwide.



(photo: US Fish and Wildlife)

AMERICAN KESTREL

Appearance: The smallest falcon in North America and perhaps one of the most colorful. Males have bluish grey wings, while females have brownish-black wings.

Size: They are 9-12 in. in length with a 20 to 24 in. wingspan. They weigh about 2-6 ounces.

Range: Found all over North, Central and South America. They inhabit open space lands such as plains, prairies and grasslands. They feed on insects, rodents and even small birds.

Facts: Only North American falcon to hover with rapid wing beats, keeping its head motionless while scanning the ground for prey. Known to rob other species of their prey.



(photo: NASA)

OSPREY

Appearance: This is a large raptor that has white underside with brownish black wings. The head is white with a dark brown strip across the eye.

Size: The Osprey is 20.5-23.6 in. long with a 5-5.5 ft. wingspan. It weighs anywhere between 49-70 ounces.

Range: They occur around the world except Antarctica. They inhabit areas with shallow bodies of water such as lakes and coastal areas. They feed mostly on fish.

Facts: : 99% of its diet is live fish. The Osprey is the official bird of Nova Scotia in Canada and Sudermannia in Sweden. It is the official mascot and team name for the Univ. of North Florida.

BROAD~WING HAWKS



(photo: National Parks Service)

Appearance: Small hawks that have short broad wings, dark brown upperparts and evenly-spaced black and white bands on the tail.

Size: They are 13-17 in. long with a wingspan of 32-39 in. They weigh about 9-19 ounces.

Range: They reside in wooded areas of eastern North America. They migrate to south Florida and to Central and South America. They mainly eat small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, small birds and large insects

Facts: : During winter migration these hawks can travel an average of 4,350 mi to northern South America, and travel an average of 69 miles each day.

SHARP SHINNED HAWKS



(photo: US Fish and Wildlife)

Appearance: Adults have short broad wings and a long square-ended tail with dark bands. They have a dark cap, blue-grey upperparts and a white underside with red bars. Mature birds have dark red eyes and yellow legs. Adult females are slightly larger.

Size: They are 9-13 in. in length with a 17-22 in. wingspan. They weigh around 3-7 ounces.

Range: Found in North American as well as Central America. They inhabit large dense forests. They eat small birds, rodents, lizards, frogs, snakes, and large insects.

Facts: They often pluck the feathers off their prey on a post or other perch.