

Raptor Wordsearch

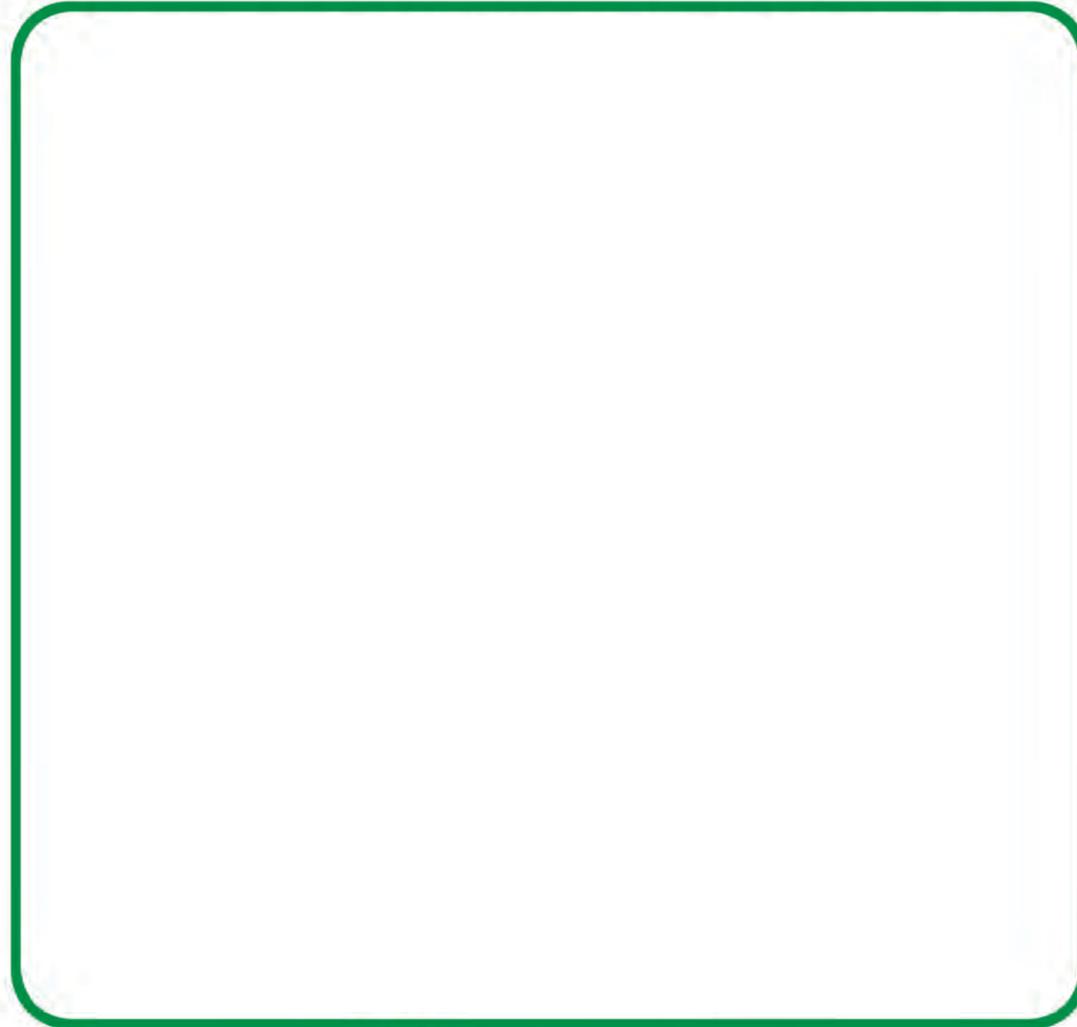
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barn owl
beak
buzzard
feather
golden eagle
goshawk

kestrel
long eared owl
merlin
peregrine
raptor
red kite

Answer:
The barn owl

Draw your own raptor.
Remember birds of prey are different from other birds because they have sharp talons and hooked beaks, and they also come in lots of different sizes and colours.



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Key Stage 1

ACTIVITY BOOKLET

What is a bird of prey?

Birds of prey and owls, which are also known as raptors, hunt and eat other birds, animals, fish and even insects. This makes birds of prey carnivores (meat eaters). All raptors have powerful feet with sharp claws, called talons, which they use for catching their prey and hooked beaks for eating their prey.

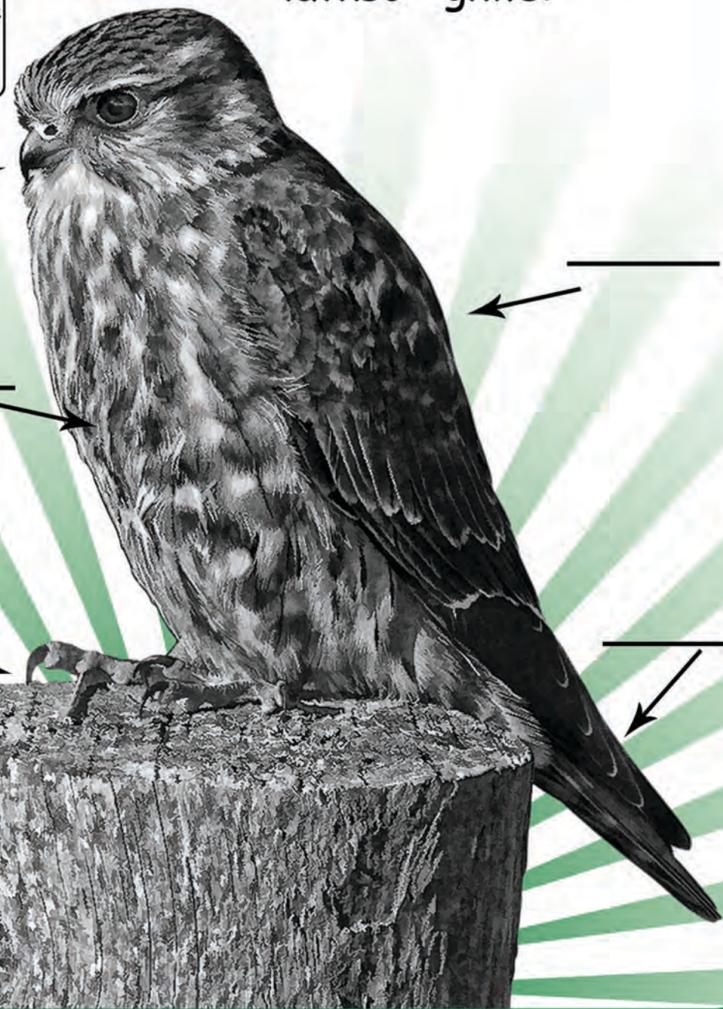
Most birds of prey are active during the day, this is called diurnal. Some birds of prey like owls are active during the night which is called nocturnal. These birds have excellent hearing to help them hunt in the dark.

Parts of a bird of prey

Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks.

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I am a merlin. I am the smallest bird of prey in Northern Ireland.



Odd one out.

Can you spot which three birds are not birds of prey? Circle the odd ones out.



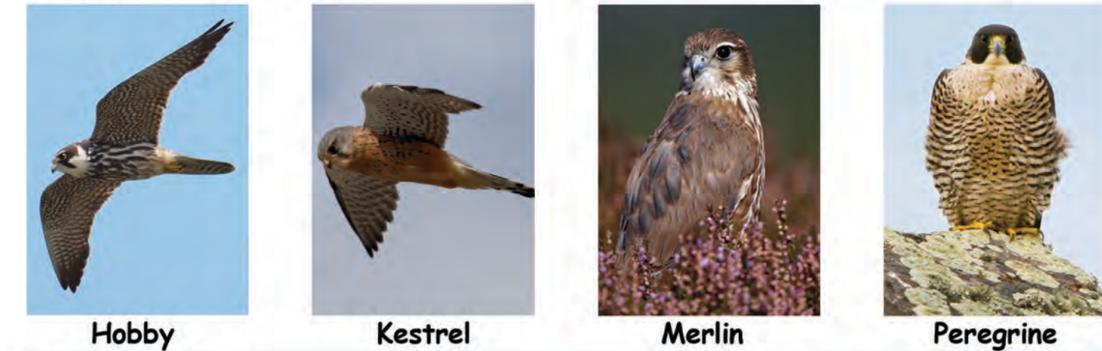
Can you match the birds of prey to the pictures?

Bird of prey	Clue	Picture number
Golden eagle	Larger than a buzzard, it is dark brown and is one of our largest raptors.	_____
Goshawk	Often seen near forests, goshawks are dark grey with a grey and white barred chest.	_____
Hen harrier	Male hen harriers are grey with black wing tips. They glide low when looking for food.	_____
Buzzard	Brown in colour with a speckled chest. Often seen perching on trees or lamp posts.	_____
Red kite	Reddish brown in colour, with a forked tail and	_____

Birds of prey can be separated into different families.

Falcons

Did you know? The peregrine falcon is the fastest bird in the world and can fly at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour.



Hawks and Eagles:

Did you know? The white-tailed eagle is so big it is sometimes called 'the flying barn door'.



Owls:

Did you know? The long-eared owl's ears are feathers not actual ears.



Question:

Which one of these owls lives in buildings and farms and helps eat all the rats?

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