

70. Common Raven *

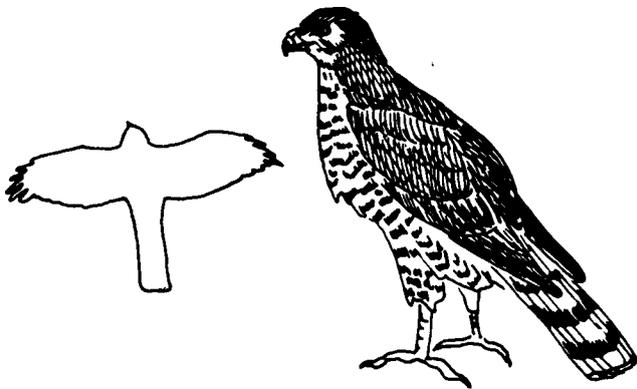
TRAITS: Large black bird with wedge-shaped tail, broad wings; sharp talons and heavy bill.

HABITAT: Forests, shrublands, tundra, wetlands; builds a stick nest on cliffs or in trees.

FOODS: Scavenges meat from kills of large predators; eggs and young of other birds, hawks and owls; small mammals, berries.

EATEN BY: Eggs may occasionally be taken by eagles, crows, marten, jays, or other predators.

"GEE WHIZ": May follow other predators around to feed on scraps left after their kills; sometimes nests in old nests of magpies, goshawks, peregrine falcons, red-tailed hawks, eagles, great horned owls, or other large birds.



71. Sharp-shinned Hawk F

TRAITS: Medium-sized bird with long tail and rounded wings; sharp talons and hooked bill.

HABITAT: Mature and old mixed hardwood-conifer forests.

FOODS: Small birds, including chickadees, warblers, sparrows, thrushes, and woodpeckers.

EATEN BY: Eggs and young may be eaten by squirrels.

"GEE WHIZ": This hawk is difficult to see because of its small size and its habit of hunting close to the ground and perching in thick conifers.

72. Bald Eagle F

TRAITS: Large brown bird with rounded tail and wings; sharp talons and hooked bill; adults have a white head and tail.

HABITAT: Old forests along rivers, lakes, and ocean; usually nests in large old trees, but feeds mainly near water; also nests on the ground or cliff ledges on islands where predators are absent.

FOODS: Waterfowl, small mammals, salmon, herring, dead and dying fish, mammals, or birds washed up along shorelines.

EATEN BY: Young occasionally eaten by ravens and magpies.

"GEE WHIZ": There are more Bald Eagles in Alaska than in all other states combined.

