

Raptor report

Raptors are birds of prey that are characterized by their sharp talons and bone-crushing, curved beaks.

Carnivorous raptors soar high in open spaces near farms, highways, and fields searching for rodents, smaller birds, or even fish to eat. Raptors can be differentiated by the style of their wings and body shapes.

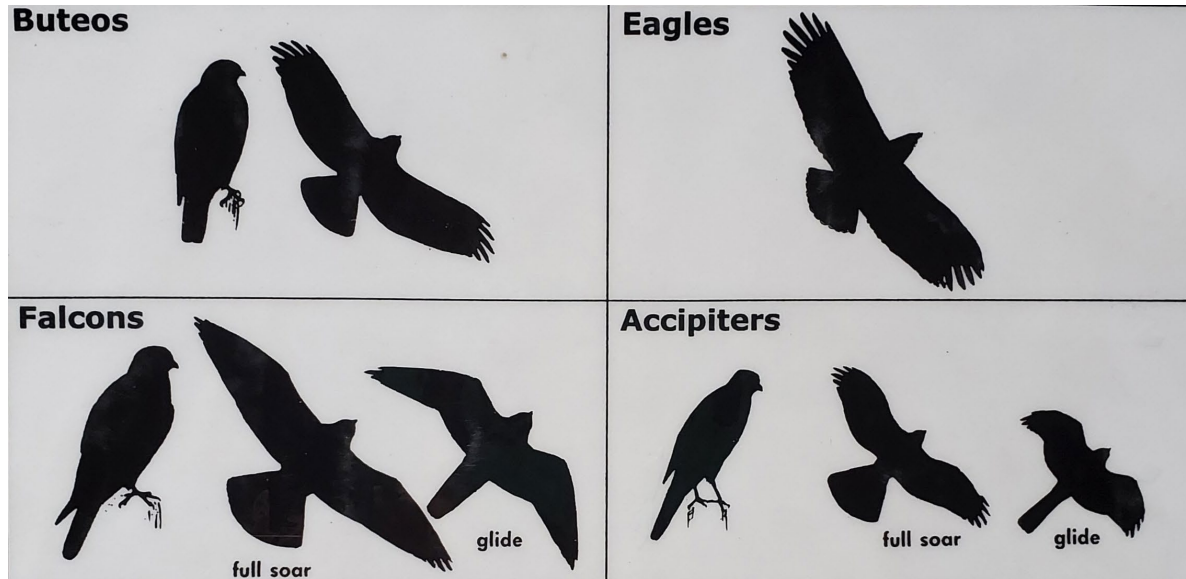
Directions:

Match any of the silhouettes of different types of raptors below to the birds you see flying high above you at Chehalem Ridge. Which ones do you see?

Fun fact

There are many sizes and shapes of raptors, the world's smallest measuring only 15 centimeters long!

Examples in greater Portland



[Image Credit: Field Guide to Western Birds by R.T. Peterson and Hawks in Flight, Dunne et al.]

Accipiters		Falcons		Buteos
Cooper's hawk	Sharp-shinned hawk	Peregrine falcon	American kestrel	Red-tailed hawk
