

Our gift to you: a simple guide for identifying raptors in flight



3 traits make a raptor *a raptor:*

- Huge eyes
- Curved beak
- Sharp talons

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Accipiters have short, round wings and long tails; buteos have broad wings and short tails; and harriers have long, narrow wings and tails



BUTEO
HAWKS

ACCIPITER

OWL

Featherless head, long wings, often seen circling in groups



VULTURE

Large head, broad wings, often make short flights close to the ground



HARRIER

FALCON

Long, pointed wings, notched beak, vertical marking below eyes

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KITE

Long tail; graceful, acrobatic flight; pointed wings similar to falcon

EAGLE

Except for condors, eagles are the largest flying birds in North America



OSPREY

Distinctive bent wing shape when not soaring; dark stripe across eyes

SECRETARYBIRD

Two central tail feathers much longer than rest of the tail