

Adaptations of Birds

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| BEAKS | Pouch-like | Pelican | Can hold fish |
| | Long, Thin | Avocet | Can probe shallow water and mud for insects |
| | Pointed | Woodpecker | Can break and probe bark of trees for insects |
| | Curved | Hawk | Can tear solid tissue, like meat |
| | Short, Stout | Finches | Can crack seeds and nuts |
| | Slender, Stout | Hummingbird | Can probe flowers for nectar |
| FEET | Webbed | Duck | Aids in walking on mud, transportation |
| | Long toes | Crane, Heron | Aids in walking on mud, transportation |
| | Clawed | Hawk, eagle | Can grasp food when hunting prey |
| | Grasping | Chicken | Aids in sitting on branches, roosting, protection |
| LEGS | Flexor tendons | Chicken | Aid in perching, grasping |
| | Long, powerful | Ostrich | Aids running, transportation |
| | Long, slender | Heron, crane | Aids wading, transportation |
| | Powerful muscles | Eagle, hawk | Aids lifting, carrying prey, transportation |
| WINGS | Large | Eagle, vulture | Aids flying with prey soaring while hunting |
| | Narrow, pointed | Falcon, swift | Can fly and turn quickly |
| COLORATION | Bright plumage | Male birds | Attraction in courtship, mating rituals |
| | Dull plumage | Female birds | Aids in camouflage while nesting, protection in shelter |
| | Change of plumage | Ptarmigan | Provides camouflage protection (brown in summer, white in winter) |