

Raptors in Flight



Hawks with long tails and short, wide wings. Several wingbeats are followed by a glide.

Accipiters

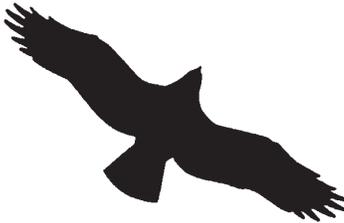
Cooper's hawk
Northern Goshawk
Sharp-shinned hawk



Stocky hawks with broad wings and short, rounded tails that are commonly seen soaring.

Buteos

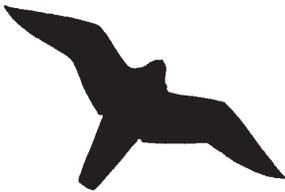
Ferruginous hawk
Red-tailed hawk
Rough-legged hawk
Swainson's hawk
(and others)



Large "hawks" that soar on long, rounded wings held in a flat plane.

Eagles

Bald eagle
Golden eagle



Raptor with long, pointed wings and long tapered tails. Flight with rapid wingbeats.

Falcons

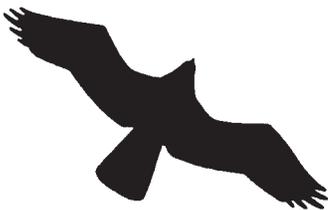
American kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine falcon
Prairie falcon



A "hawk" with long, narrow wings, held at an angle. Tail long with a white rump patch.

Harrier

Northern harrier



A "hawk" with long wings that are bent at the wrist resembling a gull. Seen near water.

Osprey

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Raptors with large heads and short necks that fly noiselessly and are generally nocturnal.

Owls

Barn owl
Burrowing owl
Great horned owl
Long-eared owl
Northern saw-whet owl
Short-eared owl
Western screech owl
(and others)



A black raptor with broad wings and naked head. Soars with angled wings and tilting flight.

Vulture

Turkey vulture