



# BEAKS AND BILLS

Look close and you will see how each beak is a different tool, perfectly specialized to help eat the food in their diet. By looking at the shape of the beak or bill, we can make a good guess about what kinds of food they eat. Can you find these beak shapes outside?



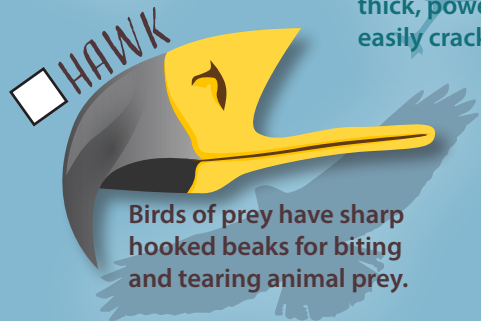
**HUMMINGBIRD**  
Hummingbird beaks are long and slender, which is great for reaching nectar deep inside flowers.



**FINCH**  
Seed eating birds have thick, powerful beaks that easily crack tough seed shells.



**DUCK**  
Duck bills are wide and flat for scooping up food from the water. Small comb-like structures line the edges of the bill, allowing ducks to filter out water and mud.



**HAWK**  
Birds of prey have sharp hooked beaks for biting and tearing animal prey.

