























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WHERE THE SIOUX COME FROM – THE LEGEND OF THE SIOUX TRIBE



In the ancient times, the water monster – Unktehi – appeared on  and caused a great, cruel flood. We do not know the reasons for the flood. Perhaps it was because the Great Spirit – WakanTanka – was angry or wanted to teach humankind a lesson. The flood was devastating, and it affected the entire world. All the  drowned, but one  survived. She was very beautiful, and she was saved by an , who flew to her and let her hold his . He saved her from the water and brought her to his nest, which was built on a  on a high rock. That was the only place that was not flooded during the flood. If  could get to this rock, they would survive, but the rock was too narrow for everyone. The , Wanblee stayed with the beautiful  in his nest and married her. In those times, there was a very close connection between  and animals, so an  could marry a . The eagle's wife soon became pregnant and gave birth to eagle twins – a  and a . She was very happy and said, “Now we can give rise to people again!”

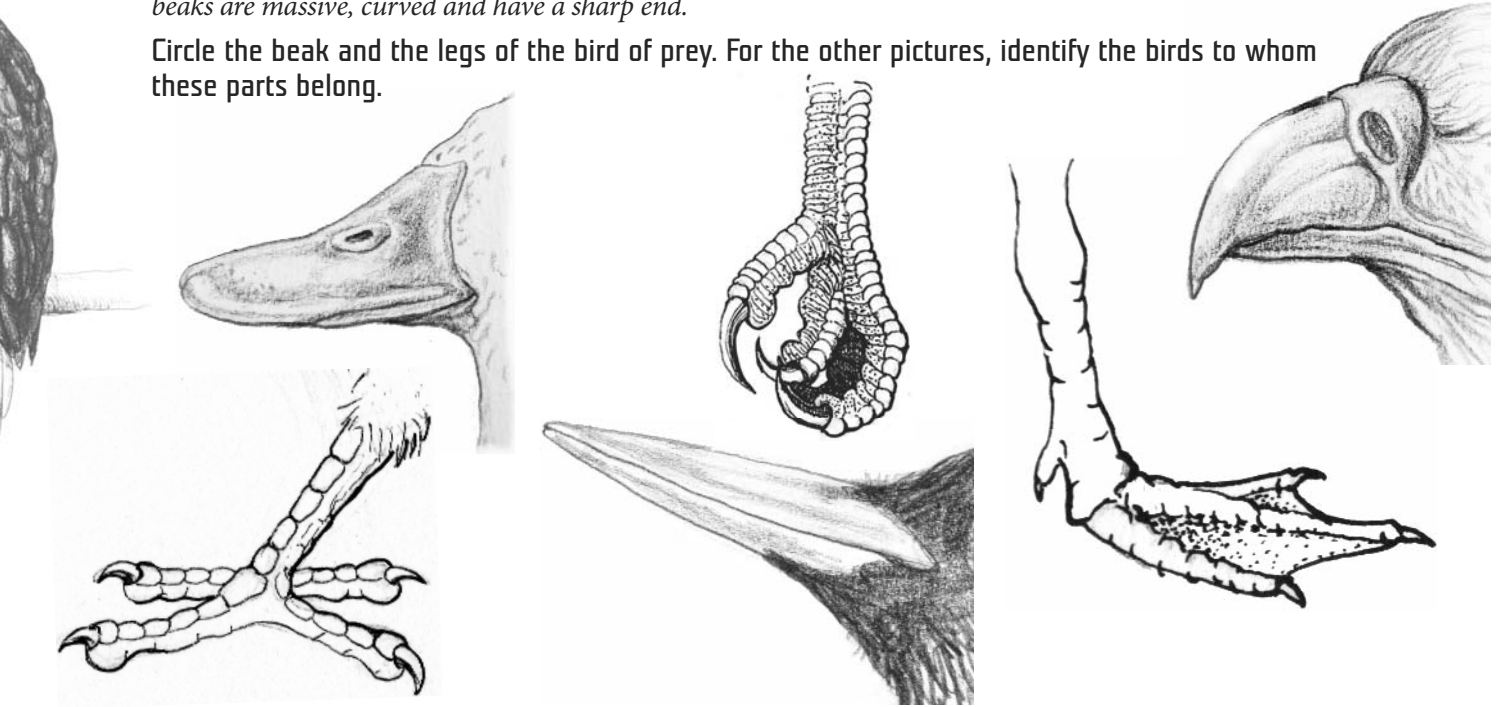
The children were born in a nest on a rock where they lived for some time. When the water level reduced after the flood, their father  brought them to the ground and said to them, “Be a nation, become a great nation of the Sioux!” The  and the  grew to become adults. The  was the only man on , the  was the only woman. They married and had children together. Thus, a nation was born. The Sioux formed an eagle nation. And it's something they're very proud of! The  is a very clever bird, and it is the messenger of the Great Spirit and a great hunter. That is why the Sioux people wear eagle  !



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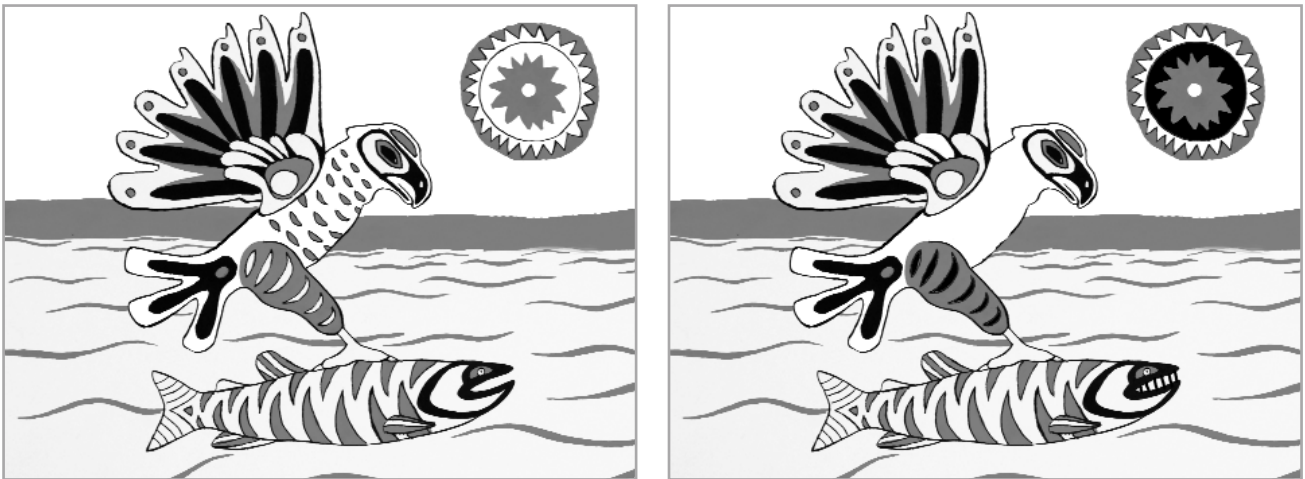
Birds of prey are used to hunting live prey. They have four toes on their legs, which have long and pointed claws. Their beaks are massive, curved and have a sharp end.

Circle the beak and the legs of the bird of prey. For the other pictures, identify the birds to whom these parts belong.



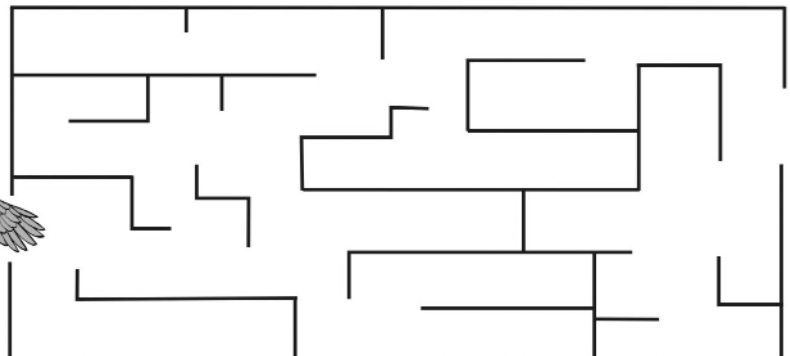
The males are not very different from the females among birds of prey, but the females are about one-fourth times heavier than males.

However, the birds in the 2 pictures are different. Find 5 differences.



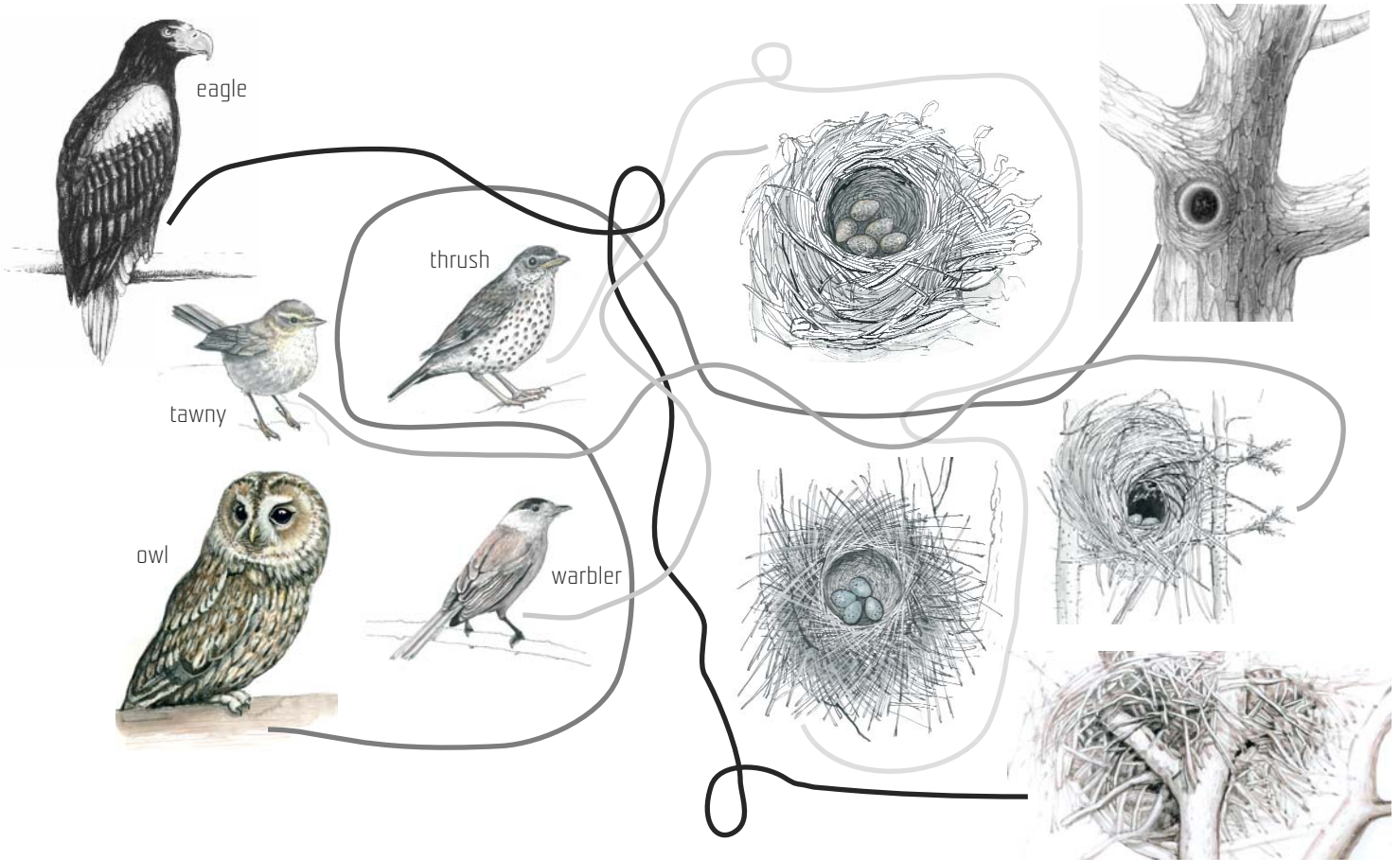
Birds of prey are among the endangered species in our nature. You may think that because they are at the top of the food chain, nobody can harm them. But this is not true. People trap these birds illegally, traffickers rob their nests, environment pollution affects them and accidents on power lines and vehicular traffic reduce their numbers. The number of birds of prey is shrinking, and therefore they deserve our protection!

Help the eagle find its way out of the power lines.



Birds of prey can be found all around the world; we can find them in various biotopes. Most species nest individually on trees, rocks or on the ground. Large species usually lay only 1 or 2 eggs while smaller species lay more eggs.

Which of these nests are built by the eagle, warbler, tawny owl and thrush?



The common buzzard, along with the common kestrel, is our most abundant bird of prey. It preys mainly on rodents, which is why, it is sometimes referred to as a “mouse hunter”. We can often find the common buzzard on the trees around the fields where it looks for its favourite prey. Many farmers have built T-shaped perches for birds of prey so that the birds have a better view of the prey and can help reduce the number of rodents on the field. This way farmers do not have to use chemicals to kill the voles, and our nature remains clean!

The common buzzard hunts especially small rodents, which make up 80% of its food. Do you know which other prey the common buzzard hunts?

