

HAWK RIDGE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

TYPE:	DESCRIPTION:	HAWK NAME:	DESCRIPTION:	WHEN:
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Accipiter

- short rounded wings with long, narrow tail.
- flight pattern of: flap, flap, flap, glide



Sharp Shinned

- very common
- jay sized
- blue/gray back w/ brownish breast

Aug. - Sept.

Cooper's

- uncommon
- somewhat rounded tail

Sept. - Oct.

Northern Goshawk

- largest accipiter
- crow/raven size
- slate gray back w/light breast

Sept. - Dec.

Falcon

- pointed wings
- continuous wing beats



American Kestrel

- most common
- rust colored back and tail
- small size

Aug. - Oct.

Merlin

- uncommon
- dark, bluish colored back

Sept. - Oct.

Peregrine

- crow size
- "side-burns" on face
- uncommon

Sept. - Oct.

Buteo

- soar & glide
- broad, round wings
- fan shaped tail



Broad-winged

- common in large "kettles"
- smallest
- banded tail
- white underwing with black edging

Aug. - Sept.

Red-tailed

- large size & solitary
- rust colored tail
- band across belly ("belt")

Rough-legged

- large size
- black at wrist joint

Oct. - Dec.

Harrier

- wings held in a "V" shape
- long rounded wings
- long tail



Northern Harrier

- white rump patch
- male is gray
- female & imm. are brown
- often flies low

Aug. - Oct.



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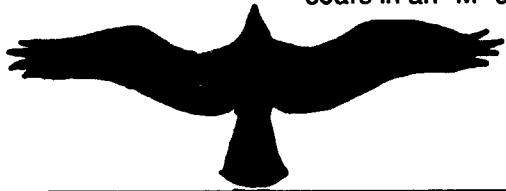
Osprey

- large
- soars in an "M" shape

Osprey

- solitary
- "crooked wings"
- white head w/ dark back

Aug. - Sept.



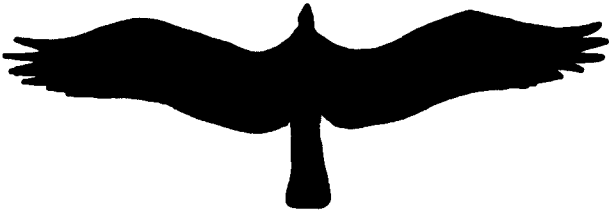
Vulture

- few wing flaps
- appears "tippy"
- very large

Turkey Vulture

- wings in distinctive "V" shape
- two-toned underwing (black & gray)

Sept. - Oct.



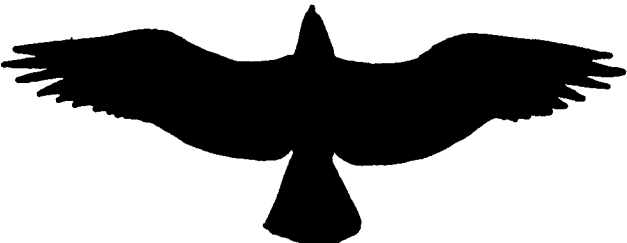
Eagle

- soars with little flapping
- very large
- very broad wings

Bald Eagle

- flat, horizontal wings
- solitary
- adult with white head & tail
- immature dark with white mottling all over

Sept. - Dec.



Golden Eagle

- wings slightly raised at ends
- adult is all dark colored
- immature has white spots underwing

Oct. - Nov.

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