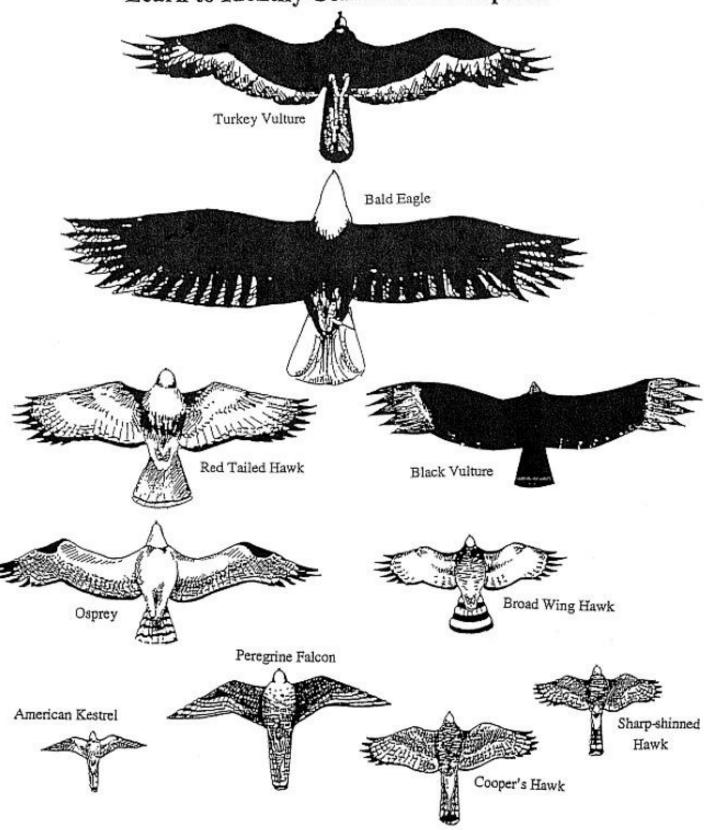
Learn to Identify Connecticut's Raptors:



Look at their shape, size, and color. The size and shape of a raptor's wings tells you something about how it flies. The long, broad wings of the bald eagle, vultures, broad winged hawk, and red tailed hawk are excellent for gliding. The short broad wings of the cooper's hawk and sharp-shinned hawk allow them to maneuver through forest, changing direction quickly. The long pointed wings of the peregrine falcon and American kestrel make these birds very fast.

Raptors on display are actual size.

	Wing span	Length of body	sex
Turkey Vulture	70"	28"	F
Bald Eagle	84"	40"	F
Red Tailed Hawk	58"	22"	F
Black Vulture	57"	25"	\mathbf{F}
Osprey	54"	32"	M
Broad Wing Hawk	33"	13"	M
American Kestrel	21"	8.5"	M
Peregrine Falcon	43"	15 "	M
Cooper's Hawk	28"	15.5"	M
Sharp shinned Haw	k 25"	1 3"	F

Female raptors tend to be larger than males