



What makes a bird a raptor?

1. Birds belong to a group of animals called

- a. reptiles
- b. vertebrates
- c. mammals
- d. insects

2. All birds grow

- a. fur
- b. scales
- c. hair
- d. feathers

3. Which is true?

- a. All birds have wings - even birds that cannot fly (e.g. ostriches and penguins).
- b. All raptors belong to the same family
- c. All Raptors fly at night
- d. All birds are raptors.

4. Raptors all have:

- a. Curved beaks
- b. Long wings
- c. Muffling on their feathers
- d. Ultraviolet vision

5. Raptor means:

- a. stop and sleep
- b. hunt prey
- c. seize and capture
- d. hunt at night

6. Raptors are different from other birds because

- a. they eat other animals
- b. they have a curved beak, keen vision and sharp talons
- c. they only nest in tall trees
- d. they are fast flying

7. Wedge-tailed eagles are

- a. Small birds of prey
- b. birds that hunt by stealth
- c. birds that nest on high ledges
- d. Endangered with only 130 breeding pairs in Tasmania

8. Owls are:

- a. solitary birds that only hunt insects.
- b. raptors that fly at great speeds
- c. Imaginary birds that fly by day in Harry Potter movies.
- d. Nocturnal raptors that rely on stealth to catch their prey.

9. Which is true?

- a. Goshawks have longer tails to allow them to turn more rapidly
- b. Falcons have broad wings because they are so slow flyers
- c. True hawks have short tails
- d. Owls are the fastest bird on earth

10. Raptors are:

- a. birds at the top of the foodchain that indicate healthy ecosystems
- b. Predators that should be shot on sight
- c. Marsupials that forage on native vegetation
- d. Birds where the male is generally larger than the female.



Peregrine falcon. Photo by P.Tonelli

Answers

1b - 2d - 3a - 4a - 5c - 6b - 7d - 8d - 9a - 10a