Raptor Adaptations

Vocabulary List



Avian of, relating to, or derived from birds

Binocular vision using two eyes with overlapping fields of view, allowing for good depth

perception

Camouflage concealment by means of disguise or blending in

Carnivore an animal that feeds primarily on animal matter

Consumer an animal that obtains energy by eating living organisms

Crepuscular active at dawn or dusk

Decomposer an animal that feeds on carrion, dead material or refuse

Diurnal active mostly during the day

Herbivore an animal that feeds primarily on plant matter

Insulate materials prevent the loss of heat

Migration seasonal movement of animals from one region to another

Molt shed old feathers to make way for new growth

Nocturnal active mostly at night

Omnivore an animal that feeds on both plant and animal matter

Ornithology the study of birds

Pellet a packet of indigestible materials, such as bone and fur, regurgitated by a bird of

prey

Plumage all of a birds feathers

Preen straighten and clean feathers with a beak

Producer an organism that makes it own food from the sun

Talon the claw of a bird of prey