



Vocabulary

Level II—Grades 3-5

Bird of Prey: A bird that eats only meat and has excellent eyesight, strong feet with sharp talons and hooked and curved upper beaks.

Carrion: A dead animal.

Diurnal: Active during the day and asleep during the night.

Endangered: A species of plant or animal that there are very few left of and are in immediate danger of becoming extinct if protective measures are not taken.

Extinct: Any species that is completely gone.

Habitat: The type of natural environment in which a plant or animal lives.

Habitat Destruction: The permanent change to habitat which makes it unsuitable for the wildlife that live in that region. The main reason many animals become endangered or extinct.

Migrate: To travel back and forth between two different regions during certain times of the year in order to find food or raise young.

Nocturnal: Active at night and asleep during the day.

Pellet: Indigestible fur and bones that are coughed up in the form of an elongated ball.

Pesticide: Any chemical used for killing rodents, insects, weeds etc.

Predator: An animal that hunts and kills other animals for food.

Prey: 1.(noun) Animals eaten by predators 2.(verb) To capture and consume an animal

Raptor: Synonym for "bird of prey;" Latin meaning is "to grasp or seize".

Rodent: A group of animals with large front teeth for gnawing.

Scavenger: An animal that eats dead animals.

Talons: The long, curved claws of a raptor used to kill its prey.

Territory: A defined area where an animal spends its time finding food, water, and shelter and where it raises its young. Animals defend their territories, especially from those who compete for food and nesting areas.

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