



√ Pre-Visit

Activity: Discovering Raptors

Appropriate Grades: 3-6

Oregon Content Standard: ORGANISMS: Understand the characteristics, structure, and functions of organisms.

Background Information: See the raptor fact sheet for information on Klamath Raptors.

Learner Objective: The student will name several species of raptors found in the Klamath Basin and will complete worksheets about raptor behavior and migration.

Materials Needed:

- Copies of the Klamath Raptor fact sheet for each student
- Copies of the raptor worksheets for each student or groups of students
- field guides
- field journals

Procedure

1. Copy Klamath Raptors fact sheet for each student, and give them time to read it.
2. Copy raptor student worksheets, one copy per student of each of the six pages.
(Alternatively, you could divide students into six groups and assign one species per group.)
3. Have students read and complete the worksheets. If you did this in groups, have the groups present their species to the class after completing the worksheet.
4. Have students sketch their species in their field journals, noting key markings and interesting facts about each species.

Further Study

1. Look for these raptors from the bus/car while driving around the agricultural fields near Big Springs Park. Keep a count of each species seen. Repeat this driving route again as a follow up survey.
2. Have students conduct further literature research on one or more of these raptor species.
3. Conduct a field trip to observe the Bald Eagle fly out.