

PRESIDIO KIDS

BIRD WATCHING

Match These Bird Beaks to Their Food

(Ages 8 years and up)

Did you know the Presidio has one of the most diverse bird populations of any urban park in the world? These birds vary in size, where they live, and what they eat. You can learn a lot about what a bird eats by looking at the shape of its beak. Some beaks are sharp and curved for tearing, some are like spoons that scoop, while others are thick and strong for breaking or prying. Bird beaks are like specialized tools that have adapted over time to allow birds to eat particular foods and survive in certain habitats.

Instructions: Draw a line from each Presidio bird beak to the food you think they eat.*

The activity grid consists of two rows of images. The top row shows bird heads with their beaks highlighted. The bottom row shows various food items. Labels are placed below each image.

Hummingbird	Pelican	Duck	Hawk	Swallow	Sparrow	Woodpecker
Small Mammals	Pinecones (seeds inside)	Aquatic Plants	Flower Nectar	Grubs	Insects	Fish
						Seeds

* **Hint:** Knowing the size of a bird and whether or not they're a predator can help us better predict the type of food a bird eats. Here are the Presidio birds in order from smallest to largest: Hummingbird, Swallow, Sparrow, Crossbill, Woodpecker, Duck, Hawk, Pelican.

Answer Key:

Hummingbird = flower nectar,
Pelican = fish, Woodpecker = grubs,
Hawk = small mammals, Duck =
aquatic plants, Crossbill = pinecones,
Swallow = insects, Sparrow = seeds

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Check-out birds that live around your house or in your neighborhood. See if you can find similar beaks and make guesses at what those bird beaks might eat in your own neighborhood.