

**Program Name: Animal Adaptations—Eeeks, Beaks**

**Grade(s): Third and Fourth**

**Objective:** The student will investigate and understand that behavioral and physical adaptations allow animals to respond to life needs.

**Description:** The Animal Adaptation program allows students to investigate and understand that behavioral and physical adaptations allow animals to respond to life needs. The Animal Adaptations, Eeeks, Beaks program is an interactive program that presents various types of birds and their beaks, and the reasons for their varying types of beaks. Students participate in hands-on demonstrations of beaks in action.



Eagle Skull

**Activities & Resources:**

Teacher resource notebook with lesson plan  
Display board of bird images

Activities: Seed cracking beaks  
Heavy crushing beaks  
Long Probing beaks (nectar)  
Long Probing beaks (insects)  
Catching beaks  
Sturdy and Strong beaks  
Swishing beaks  
Picking beaks

Skulls: Cardinal  
Eagle  
Hummingbird  
Pelican  
Woodpecker

Books: So What, Saw What  
Bird Tracks & Signs  
Zoobooks, Birds of Prey  
Birds, Birds, Birds  
Beaks!  
An Egg is Quiet  
Eyewitness Books, Birds  
Fandex Bird identification guide

Video: Eyewitness Bird  
Game: Bird Sleuth Game  
Other: 2 bird nests

SOL 's: 3.4b and 4.5a

**Format and Requirements:**

District staff can present the program. Each classroom presentation (CP) is approximately 60 minutes in length.

Teachers may borrow the conservation capsule (CC) for one week.

