



# Create Your ULTIMATE Bird!

## STUDENT ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

### Materials Needed:

- Bird Adaptation Chart for reference
- Notebook
- Pencil
- Materials of choice for sketching your bird

### Preparation Instructions:

1. Think about how birds take advantage of their surroundings through their adaptations (i.e., feather type, wing shape, beak type).
2. Review the Bird Adaptation Chart – Beak, Feet, and Wing types

### Activity Instructions:

1. Brainstorm your bird –
  - a. Write a list of the imaginary bird's food sources, habitat, and lifestyle.
  - b. Decide whether your bird will be a generalist or specialist.
  - c. Then list which adaptations it will have, and
  - d. list the advantages each adaptation provides to the bird.
2. Describe your bird - focusing on size, beak, wings, and color; you might also think about feather types when creating your ultimate bird.
3. Sketch your ULTIMATE BIRD, focusing on the adaptations you described above.
4. Write the answers to the questions on the Bird Adaptation Chart in your notebook.

### Conclusion

It can be fun to think about and create a new species. And this process of thinking about how our created species might survive in its environment helps us better understand how living birds survive. We hope you had fun being creative and learning more about what it takes for a bird to exist and survive.

