Beaks and Feet

A bird’s beak or bill has the primary function of gathering and eating food. A bird’s beak is designed to help it eat the foods it needs including tearing, crushing, picking, probing and breaking the shells of food items. Birds also use their beaks to preen or clean and oil their feathers. Preening keeps their feathers healthy and in the right position. Birds use their beaks like humans use their hands when they are building their nests and feeding their young. By looking at a bird’s beak we get clues about the bird’s lifestyle, where it lives and what it eats.



Bird’s feet come in different sizes and shapes. A bird’s foot is designed to help it navigate its environment and find the food it needs.



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