

Birds and beaks

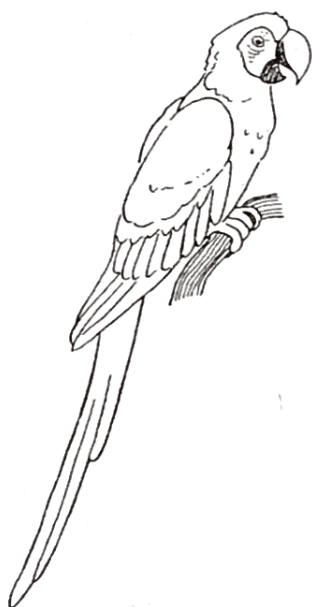


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Over 2,500 different kinds of birds live in the tropical rain forests. They come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Their beaks come in different shapes and sizes, too. This is because their beaks are adapted to help them eat the food they need.

Look at the birds below and then answer the questions.

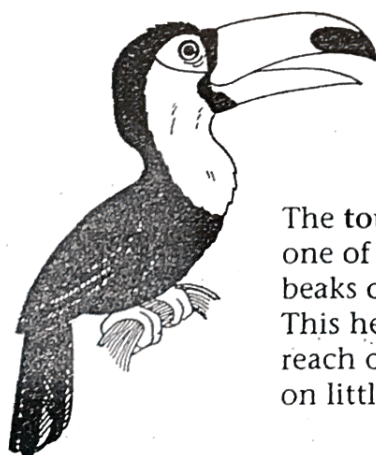


The **scarlet macaw** is the largest parrot in South America. Its beak has sharp edges which work like nutcrackers.

The **harpy eagle** soars high above the rain forest. It preys on small animals in the canopy below.



The little **hummingbird** darts among the rain forest flowers.



The **toucan** has one of the biggest beaks of any bird. This helps it to reach out for food on little twigs.



The **skimmer** lives near water and catches its food as it flies. The lower part of its beak is longer than the top part.

1. Which bird has a long thin beak for collecting flower nectar and tiny insects? *hummingbird*
2. Which bird has a hooked beak for tearing apart its prey? *harpy eagle*
3. Which bird has a strong beak and eats Brazil nuts? *scarlet macaw*
4. Which bird has a very big beak for picking fruit? *toucan*
5. Which bird ploughs part of its beak through water to scoop up fish? *skimmer*