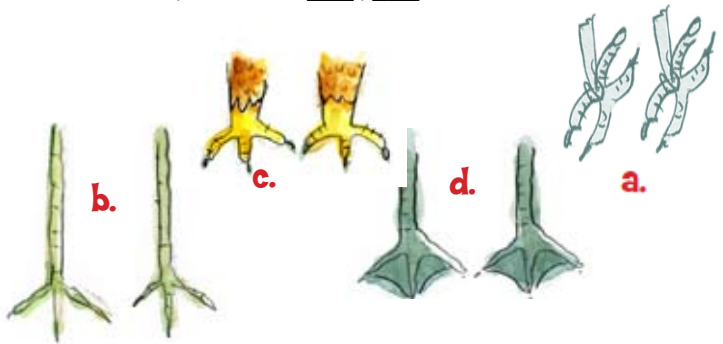
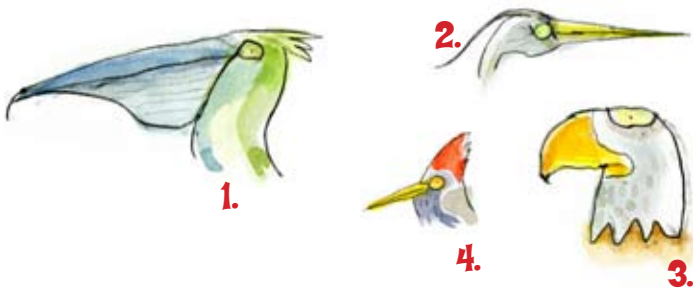


# Beaks and Feet

You can tell a lot about the food and habitats of birds by looking at their beaks and feet. Working backward, if you know what a bird eats and where it lives, you can probably determine the kind of beak and feet it has.

In the next column are descriptions of the food and habitats of some birds of your local watershed. Below are pictures of their beaks and feet. Your task is to match the descriptions with the pictures.



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**Which bird wades** along riverbanks and marshes looking for fish and frogs to spear and eat.

Beak number, Feet letter: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Which bird skims** along the river watching for fish to scoop up. It nests on riverbanks and often floats and paddles on the water.

Beak number, Feet letter: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Which bird nests** in trees and clings to tree trunks to dig and eat insects from the bark.

Beak number, Feet letter: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Which bird circles** high above the river from its tree nests, watching for small animals to grab and eat.

Beak number, Feet letter: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

## Bird Habitats

Different birds require different habitats. Some birds live in wetlands such as swamps and marshes. Others live in forests. Some species live in meadows or grasslands. No matter where a bird lives, it must have water to drink, food to eat, shelter from the weather and from predators, and a safe place to raise its young.

Look around you. Can you see any birds?

Are there any clues to tell you what they might eat?

Where might they sleep?

Is there a good place for shelter nearby?

Where might they have a nest? Is it somewhere near or in a faraway place?

Can you see more than one type of bird?

How do they differ from one another?



**Draw a picture of a bird you see and its surroundings.**