

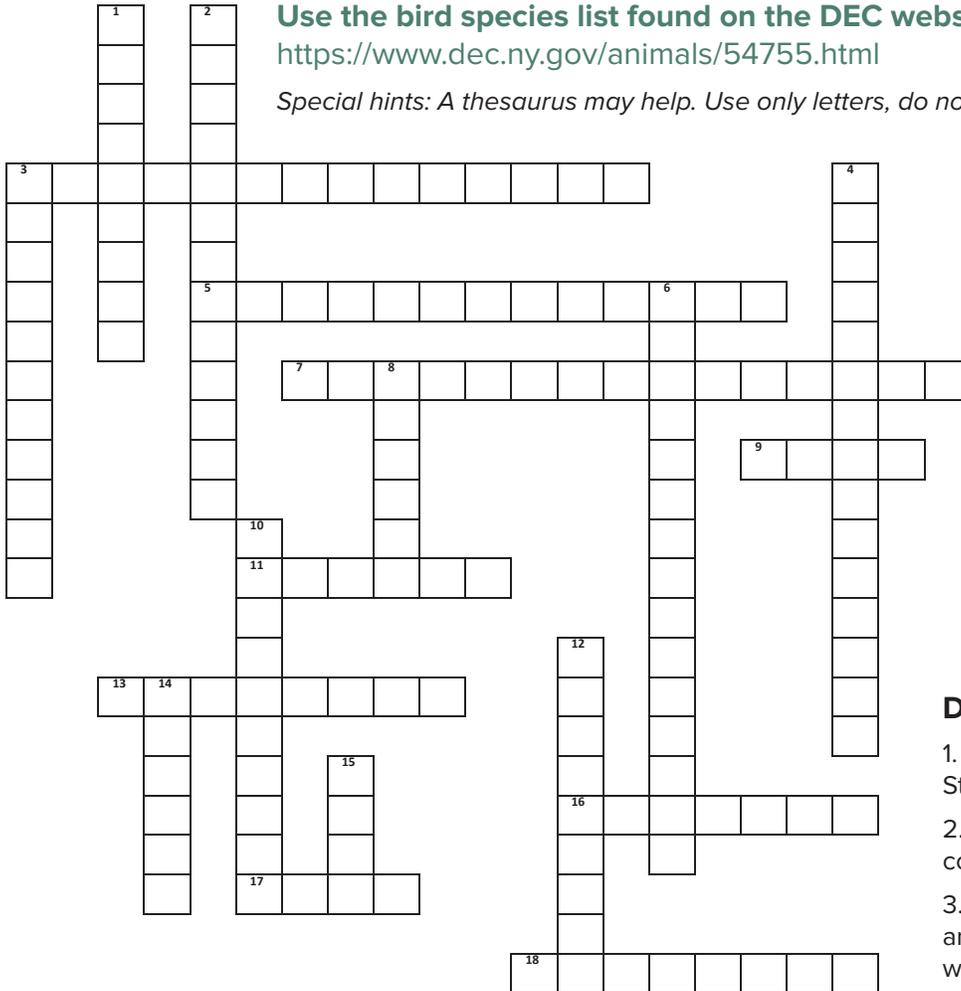
Birds of Prey Crossword



Department of Environmental Conservation

Use the bird species list found on the DEC website to help you solve the puzzle!
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/54755.html>

Special hints: A thesaurus may help. Use only letters, do not use spaces or symbols.



ACROSS

3. This bird has large ear tufts and they hunt skunks. (3 words)
5. New York's most common hawk can be identified by its tail. (3 words)
7. Will nest on city buildings and can dive up to 180 mph while hunting. (2 words)
9. The action of searching and following prey.
11. Its favorite food is fish and it will dive straight into the water for it. Humans will sometimes build tall platforms for them.
13. Raptors have a lot of ____ in their feet and bodies to catch large prey. Think strong.
16. Turkey vultures eat _____. It is another word for dead or decaying flesh.
17. Another word for sharp. The great horned owl has sharp hearing, and the red tailed hawk has sharp vision
18. Not prey, but _____.

DOWN

1. It is the national symbol of the United States. (2 words)
2. It is seen more often during the day compared to others. (3 words)
3. It uses scented leaves to build its nest and often builds its nest on a cliff. (2 words)
4. It's the smallest member in the falcon family! It's about the size of a blue jay. (2 words)
6. During mating season, the males sing "Pump-er-lunk!" (2 words)
8. Another name for birds of prey.
10. What shape mouth do birds of prey have and what is a bird's mouth called? (2 words)
12. Another word for "bird vision". (1 word)
14. Sharp hooked bird toenails are called _____.
15. The action when birds pull their wings in and fall quickly out of the sky for prey.

Word Bank:

Short eared owl	Great horned owl	Hunt	Dive	Talons	Strength	Raptor	Bald eagle	Bimocular	Short eared owl
Red-tailed hawk	Peregrine falcon	American kestrel	Golden eagle	American bittern	Osprey	Keen	Predator	Carrion	Hooked beak