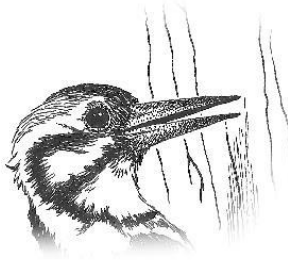


The *Shape of a Beak* and what it *Eats*

A bird's beak is specially shaped to help it catch its food. There are 6 very general shapes that are found in Sonoran Desert birds. These are the shape of a . . .



Chisel: great for cutting through bark and other plant materials to reach tasty insects



Utility knife: this beak is well suited for a variety of activities and so birds who like a variety of foods will have one



Nutcracker: perfectly shape to pick up seeds and crack them open



Pair of tweezers: great for catching insects on the fly



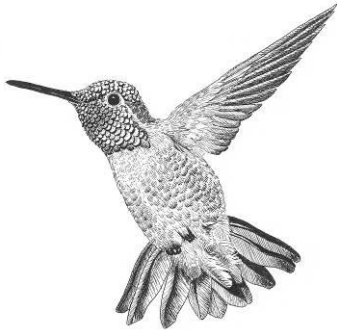
Pair of shears: just like scissors, great at tearing through flesh



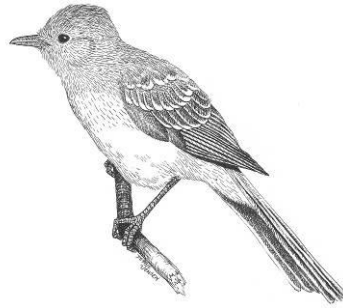
Straw: the perfect shape to probe deep into tubular flowers to slurp up nectar

Can you guess what these birds eat based on the shape of their beak?

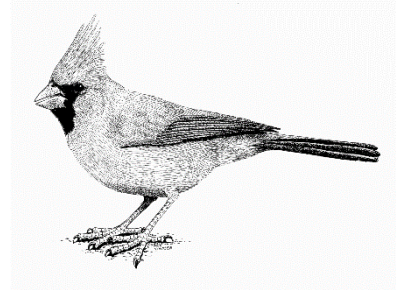
a. Anna's Hummingbird



d. Ash-Throated Flycatcher



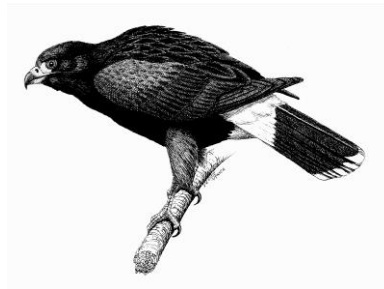
g. Northern Cardinal



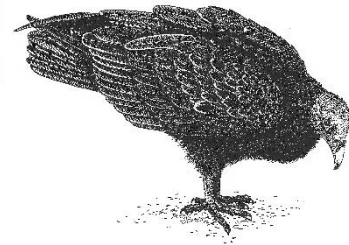
b. White-winged Dove



e. Harris' Hawk



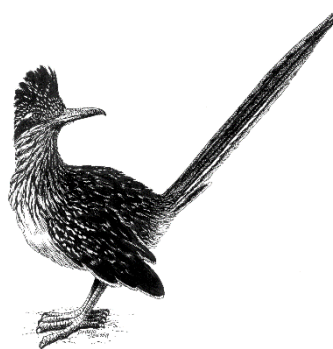
h. Turkey Vulture



c. Common Raven



f. Greater Roadrunner



i. Gila Woodpecker

