

# Relationship Between the Shape of Bird's Beak and What They Eat

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I learned during my research that the shape of the bird's beak determines the food they eat. There are mainly six types of beak shapes. Birds such as hawks, owls, and eagles have their upper beak curved down. They are very sharp, and designed for eating small animals or meat. Sparrows and bramblings are the kinds that eat grains or plant seeds. So, they have a short, thick beak. Birds which drink nectar and eat small bugs have a long beak with a sharp end. Birds such as plovers and lapwings eat fish, clams and insects inside the sand. As a result they have long, smoothly curved beaks. Ducks, swans, and geese also eat fish; however, they have flat wide beaks. Finally, birds like parakeets have curved beaks which are thick; suitable for eating fruits or berries.

