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Hawks

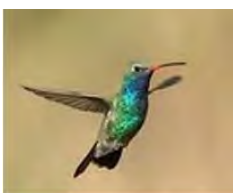


Photographing raptors is relatively easy when they are perched nearby. Catching them in the air is another matter. Landing and liftoff shots are more of a challenge, but the results are dynamic and frequently more appealing. This zone-tailed hawk was hunting in southern Arizona. In the air, zone-taileds can be confused with turkey vultures, but in a low glide over the ground they hunt for small mammals and lizards. They may also go after nearby birds, either perched or in the air.



This red-tailed hawk is from New Jersey. The talons are as impressive as they are on the zone-tailed hawk. As the bird lifts off, you see how large the tail is and get an idea of how it is used to get lift and navigate through the branches. These birds can be found throughout the United States, and are frequently seen gliding and circling almost anywhere.

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