

The background of the cover is a vibrant illustration. In the top left, a grey bird with a long, pointed beak is shown in flight against a light blue sky. In the top right, a small brown and white bird is perched on a branch of a green tree. In the center, a tall, slender white bird with a red head and a long, thin beak stands prominently. In the foreground, a brown and white speckled bird with a long, straight beak is on the left, and a blue bird with a red beak and yellow legs is on the right, both perched on a brown branch. In the bottom left corner, the head and beak of a white bird with a grey cap are visible.

# **Bird Beaks and Bills**

**by Linda Cernak**  
**illustrated by Kristin Sorra**

Copyright © by Harcourt, Inc.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher.

Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be addressed to School Permissions and Copyrights, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777. Fax: 407-345-2418.

HARCOURT and the Harcourt Logo are trademarks of Harcourt, Inc., registered in the United States of America and/or other jurisdictions.

Printed in the United States of America

ISBN 0-15-323024-X

Ordering Options

ISBN 0-15-325522-6 (Grade 1 Advanced-Level Collection)

ISBN 0-15-326874-3 (package of 5)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 179 10 09 08 07 06 05 04 03 02

# **Bird Beaks and Bills**



**by Linda Cernak**  
**illustrated by Kristin Sorra**

 **Harcourt**

Orlando Boston Dallas Chicago San Diego

*Visit The Learning Site!*

[www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)



🔊 When you go out your door,  
you can see birds roaming  
everywhere. What a show!



🔊 Birds use their bills to help them get food. Each bird has its own kind of bill. A bird bill is also called a *beak*.





Some birds eat seeds. This bird has a short, strong bill. It helps the bird crack the seeds.



Some birds eat bugs. This bird looks for food near a road. It uses its bill to eat bugs that hide.



🔊 This bird has a sharp bill.  
It's good for eating bugs in  
tree bark.





Some birds eat plants. This bird has a long, flat bill. It helps the bird eat plants that float.



Some birds eat fish. This bird has a long, pointed bill. It is just right for catching fish!



■ This bird eats fruit. Its yellow bill is very long. The bird uses its bill to grab fruit from tree branches.





|| This little bird sips nectar from flowers. Its long, thin bill fits right into the flower.










■ This bird made her nest. Now she gives the baby birds food so they will grow. Who would think birds use their beaks in so many ways?



These people give the birds  
oats and bits of toast from  
bowls. Be kind to the birds  
you see. They are our friends.

## **Think and Respond**

-  **1** Are all bird bills the same?
-  **2** How does a duck use its bill?
-  **3** What kinds of things do some birds eat?
-  **4** What do you think a bird with a long, sharp bill might eat?
-  **5** Which kind of bird do you like the best? Tell why.



**My Bird Book** Find pictures of birds. Cut them out and paste them in a bird book. Tell what things the birds might eat.



**School-Home Connection** Go on a nature hike with a family member. Look for different kinds of birds. Describe the birds and the kinds of bills they have.



 **Harcourt**

ISBN 0-15-323024-X



9 780153 230240