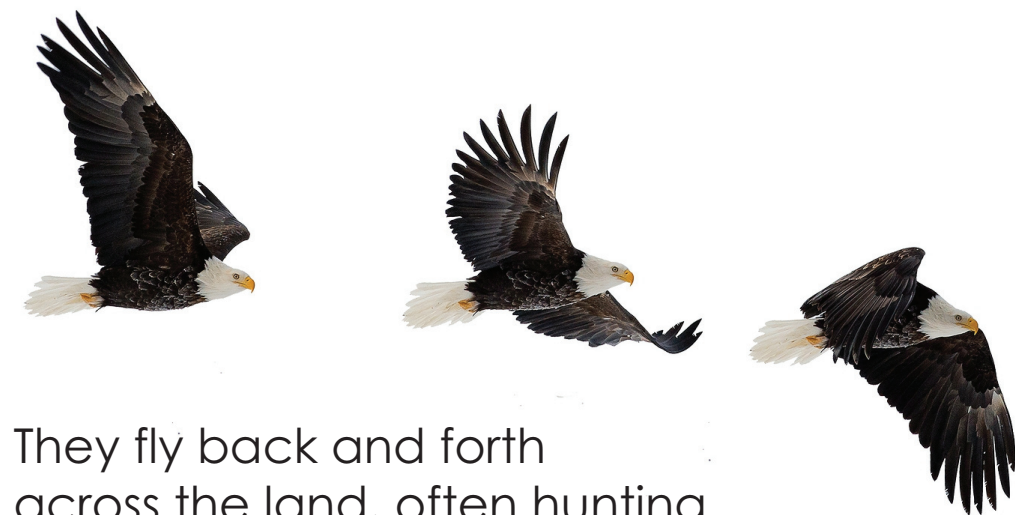




# Raptors

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Raptors are birds that hunt, kill and eat meat.



They fly back and forth across the land, often hunting at dawn or dusk, looking for food.

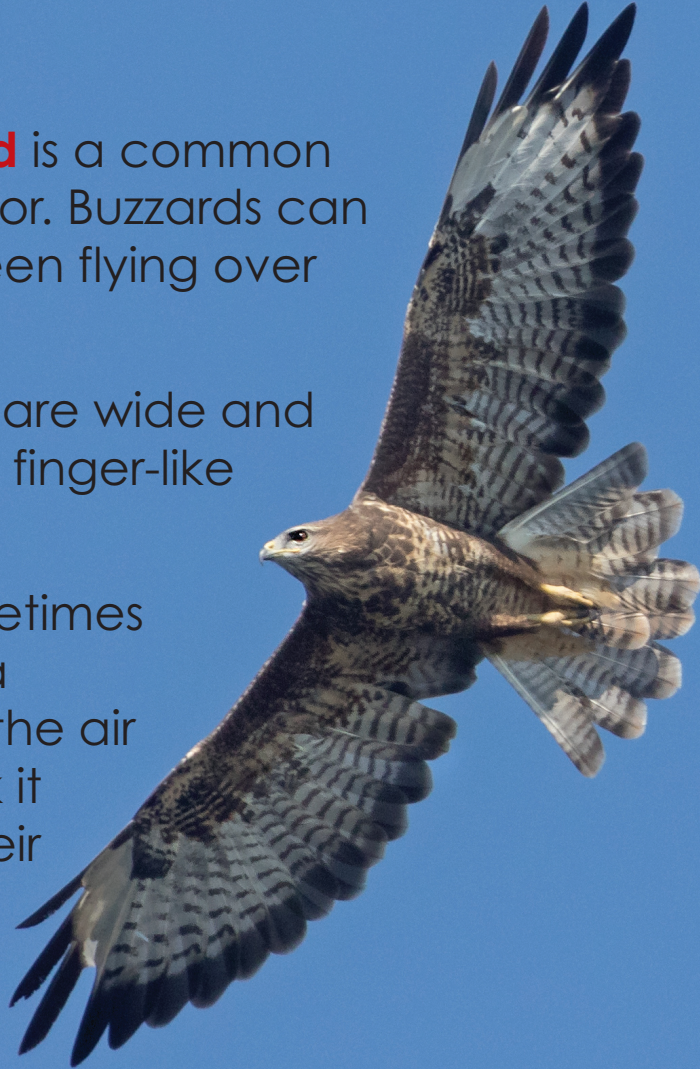


There are lots of different kinds of raptors.  
Here are some of them.

The **buzzard** is a common brown raptor. Buzzards can often be seen flying over woodland.

Their wings are wide and round, with finger-like ends.

Crows sometimes bombard a buzzard in the air if they think it will take their eggs or chicks.



The **red kite**.

In the 1930s, there were very few red kites in the United Kingdom, but now there are many.

Kites have brown, black and white wings and a red fan-shaped tail.

Kites do not often kill animals for food. They feed mainly on dead animals that they find.





Some raptors go through training so people can meet them and see them fly and hunt.



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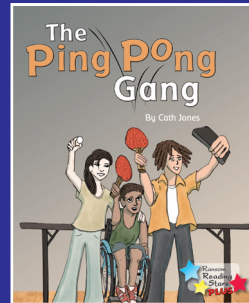
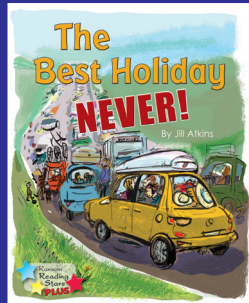
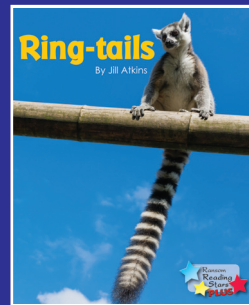
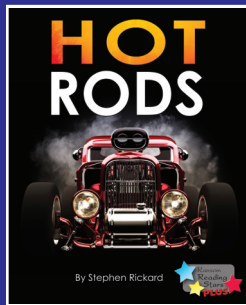
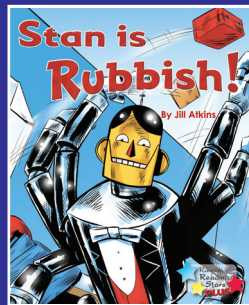
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