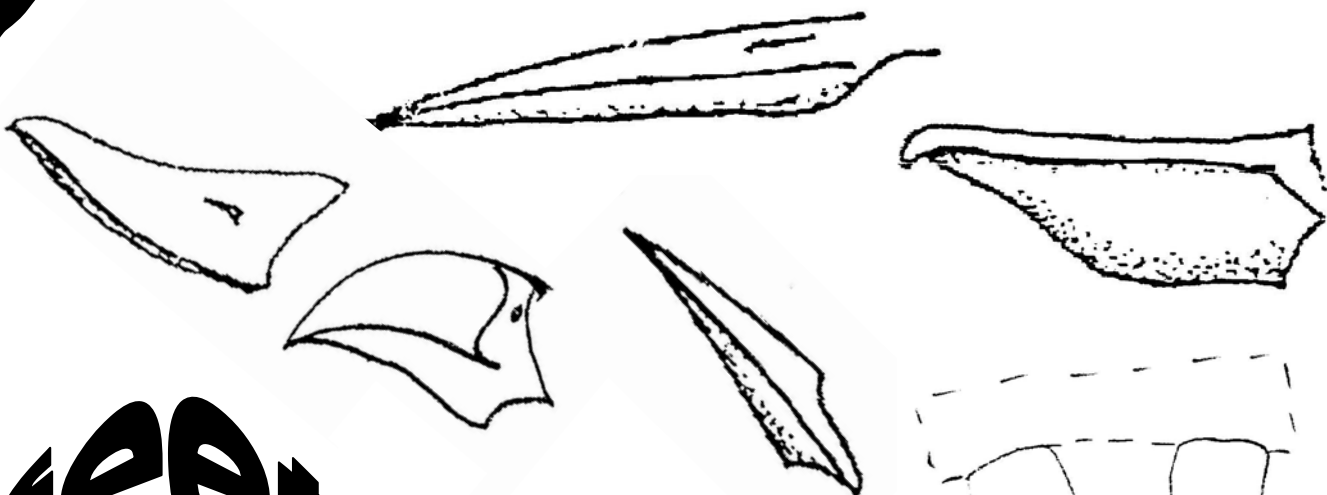


beaks



beaks: The beak is one of the most important parts of a bird. After all, without it, a bird couldn't eat! Like any tool, the shape of a beak tells what it will be used for. For example, the beak of a macaw acts just like a nutcracker, crushing hard seed and nuts. A duck's beak scoops up water like a spoon, and then helps sift food from the water. Now you take a guess: How might a hummingbird use its bill?



feet

feet: Just like a beak, a bird's feet also tell a lot about how it lives. Songbirds often have feet where three toes point forward, and one points backwards, helping them hold tightly onto branches. Water birds, like ducks, have webbed feet, and are used like a paddle to move them easily through the water. What do you think talons – or feet with sharp claws, like on an eagle or owl – might be used for?

