



TEACHER PACKET

RAPTORS



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Recommended for grades K–12

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Dear Teacher,

Raptors, or birds-of-prey, are magnificent predators that can be readily seen in both urban and rural settings. They are an ideal species for teaching many biological concepts such as, predator-prey relationships, adaptations and the affects of human influences on natural systems.

This packet has been designed to help you teach your students about raptors and the role of raptors in the natural world. Background information about raptors at Woodland Park Zoo, in the Pacific Northwest, and around the world has been included to assist you in planning a study unit with your students. Although this information was designed to increase your familiarity with the topic, you may choose to distribute some of the materials to older students.

The activities in this packet have been designed for use before, during and after a visit to Woodland Park Zoo for a self-guided visit focusing on raptors. However, if you are unable to visit the zoo, the majority of the activities can also be covered in the classroom and/or outdoor settings apart from the zoo. The activities in this packet have been developed for use with different grade levels, to reach multiple disciplines and learning styles, and to tie in with Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements and Environmental and Sustainability Education standards.

Please see the Education section of the zoo's website (www.zoo.org) for more information or to register for a zoo visit or to schedule a zoo outreach program in your classroom.

Sincerely,

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