



Raptor Crossword

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- 1.also known as a blue darter or a chicken hawk
- 2.known for having mustaches marks (malar stripes) and a tominal tooth
- 4.white breasted bird with a dark bellyband and a dark red tail
- 6.small tufted owls that are often mistaken for baby great horned owls
8. smallest North American falcon
- 10.large raptor that can achieve speeds equal to those of peregrine falcons in a dive
- 12.stores food throughout the winter and “reheats” it using an incubation position when ready to eat it

ACROSS

- 1.largest raptor in North America
3. sharp spines called spicules cover the bottom of their feet to aid in gripping their prey, almost exclusively fish
- 5.primarily gray and brown owl with white bars and edges
- 7.largest common owl in the east, they have widely spaced ear tufts that resemble horns or ears
- 9.our nation’s symbol
- 11.hunts other birds using a high-speed stoop, striking its prey in mid-air
- 12.larger than a great horned owl, this owl ranges from almost pure white to white with some brown barring
- 13.black with a bare head, this bird prefers large, dead carcasses to live prey