**Reading a Bird Specimen**

What can you learn from this specimen? Discuss observations and questions with your group. Write your answers in the space provided.

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| **Questions to ask** | **Answers and thoughts** |
| ***Collection Notes*** |  |
| Does the specimen have a label, tag, or other informational piece attached?  What information does the label tell you about the specimen? |  |
| What kind of bird is this? What genus and species? |  |
| ***Physical Features*** |  |
| Describe the whole body shape and size. Include a sketch. |  |
| What is the primary color scheme?  Describe and/or sketch any special patterns or markings. |  |
| Look closely at each physical feature and describe them in detail:   * Beak * Feet/Talons * Plumage * Wings   For each inherited physical feature above, give a detailed deduction of how it helps the bird adapt to its habitat. |  |
| In which Zion ecosystem would you expect to find the bird? (desert grassland, riparian, pinyon-juniper forest, or high plateau forest) |  |
| Explain and justify your choice of ecosystem. |  |