

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.

Questions to ask	Answers and thoughts
<i>Collection Notes</i>	
<p>Does the specimen have a label, tag, or other informational piece attached?</p> <p>What information does the label tell you about the specimen?</p>	
<p>What kind of bird is this? What genus and species?</p>	
<i>Physical Features</i>	
<p>Describe the whole body shape and size. Include a sketch.</p>	
<p>What is the primary color scheme? Describe and/or sketch any special patterns or markings.</p>	
<p>Look closely at each physical feature and describe them in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beak • Feet/Talons • Plumage • Wings <p>For each inherited physical feature above, give a detailed deduction of how it helps the bird adapt to its habitat.</p>	
<p>In which Zion ecosystem would you expect to find the bird? (desert grassland, riparian, pinyon-juniper forest, or high plateau forest)</p>	
<p>Explain and justify your choice of ecosystem.</p>	