

RED-TAILED HAWK

Red-tailed hawks have rounded wings for soaring on warm columns of air called **thermals**.

These hawks are 'sit and wait' predators; perching high before pouncing on prey. They can fly **20-40 mph** and dive up to **120 mph!**

**SPEED
LIMIT
120**

They have excellent eyesight and can spot a mouse from **100 ft** away.



Red-tailed hawk calls are frequently used to represent birds of prey in films, especially Bald Eagles.



They are active during the daytime, making them **diurnal**.

The foot structure is **anisodactyl** with three toes in front and one toe in back.



Nest type



They build stick nests with clutches of 4-7 eggs.

Diet



These hawks are not picky. Small and large mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and carrion are on the menu!

Habitat



They are widespread. Living in open country, deserts, grasslands, woodlands scrublands, fields and even tropical rainforests in Mexico.