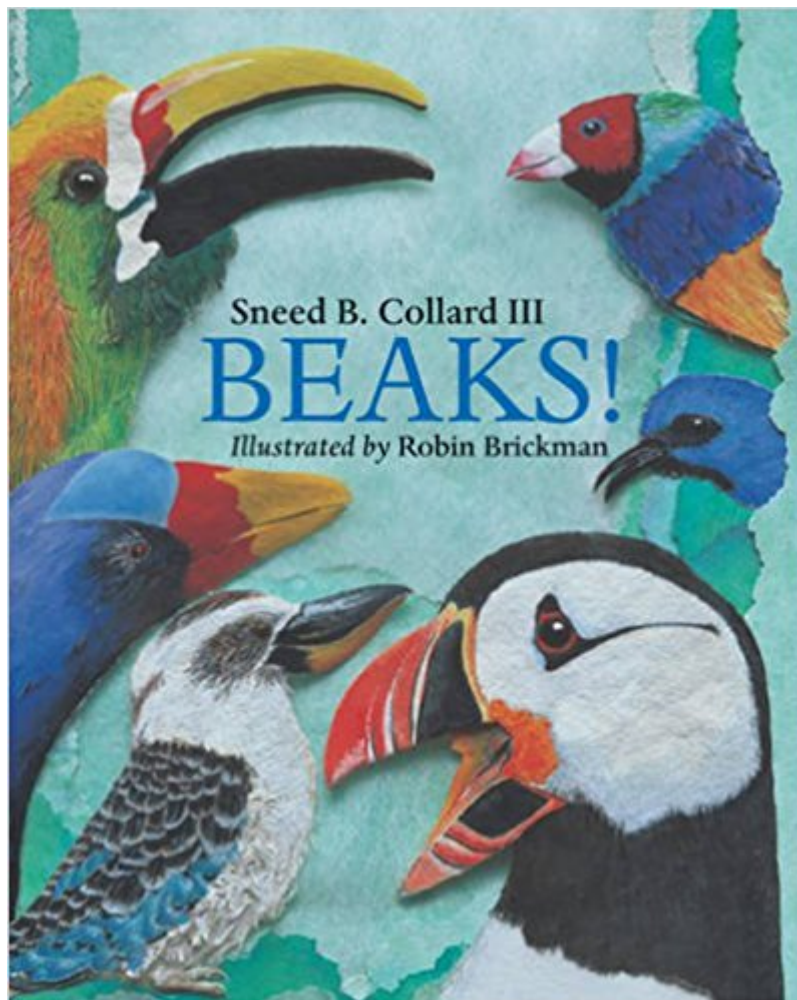


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# Beaks!



## Synopsis

How can a toucan fly with such a large, cumbersome beak? A toucan's beak is actually light as a feather due to its honeycomb construction. And not only is it beautiful, but it's an extremely useful tool in foraging for food. Find out more fascinating facts in this remarkably illustrated study of bird beaks. Learn about several different birds, their habitats, and how their beaks are uniquely styled to help them survive. Outstanding 3-D cut-paper illustrations by Robin Brickman create amazingly realistic tableaux of birds in their natural environments with their beaks in action. Back matter includes a comprehensive quiz, a bibliography, and a list of related Web sites.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 4-The intricate characteristics of a variety of birds' beaks are presented skillfully through words and vividly painted, cut-and-sculpted-paper illustrations. The habits of birds and the information on how their beaks' composition allows them to eat are truly fascinating. The author explains that beaks can also help birds build nests (bowerbirds) or dig (bee-eaters). Some beaks change colors as the bird ages (seagulls) or during different seasons. The clear text is easy to follow, and students will enjoy hearing it read aloud or find it useful for reports. The lively style will

facilitate rich discussion, while teaching the students the scientific facts of these feathered friends. Some of the featured species, such as song sparrows, are common, but others are quite exotic. A worthwhile resource for libraries and classrooms. Barbara L. McMullin, Casita Center for Technology, Science & Math, Vista, CA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

K-Gr. 3. This brightly illustrated, large-format volume invites children to consider the varying physical qualities and purposes of different birds' beaks. Each spread spotlights one or two species and how they use their beaks. A brief line of text, printed in large type and conveying an essential idea, is followed by a paragraph of information about the bird shown in the illustration. For instance, the section on macaws begins, "heavy beaks crush," and explains how the macaw's strong beak enables it to eat nuts that other birds cannot crack. This arrangement offers a brief introduction for younger children and a longer one for older ones. Focusing on the narrow topics of beaks allows Collard to be quite specific, but it also offers opportunities to introduce more general principles such as evolution. The term "paper collage" doesn't convey the three-dimensional quality of Brickman's striking pictures. Constructed of painted and cut papers, they give the illusion of depth in the picture plane as well as rounding shapes in the figures of individual birds. Short lists of recommended books and Web sites round out this attractive and informative volume. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought this book in anticipation of teaching the NGSS for first grade. I plan to pair this book with a discovery lab using different prongs, tweezers, scoops, etc to mimic birds getting food. The book has beautiful paper collage & watercolor illustrations with simple bold text that gives an overlying statement for each page. For example, "heavy beaks crush" or "long beaks probe." Each page also includes a paragraph in smaller type with additional information on how the beak is used or something special about the each beak (change color, shedding, etc). A very versatile and interesting book!

This is used as a bird food explanation at our local nature center for children. It has birds from our area in SoCal as well as other diverse bird populations world wide. I love that the beak is adapted to the food wherever the bird lives. It is explained simply but completely at a young level with brightly colored, faux torn paper illustrations.

A wonderful pictorial and verbal explanation of evolution in birds' beaks. The illustrations are breathtaking. I love the 3-d nature of the birds. The explanations about each bird and its niche are useful for ranges in age from 5 to second grade. I think that adults can and should learn from it as well. I love Sneed Collard's books!

This book does a very nice job explaining the different structures and functions of beaks. It's beautifully illustrated and very informative, yet written for elementary students. It helps explain how adaptations help different types of birds, making a Big Picture connection for readers.

My children really found this book interesting!!

Used this book in my 3rd grade science class. They loved it! Excellent resource.

Very realistic and accurate!

This is the perfect book for my upcoming lesson plan regarding bird beaks. The information is easy to understand and the artwork is clear and colorful. I believe both will give students incentive to explore it!

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