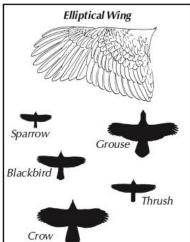
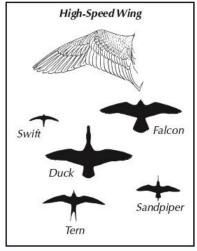


Figure 5–34. Major Wing Types: The tremendous diversity of bird wings have been classified by ornithologists into four major types based on both shape and flight performance. Although these categories are imposed by humans onto a characteristic that actually varies through a continuum, they are helpful in making sense of the overwhelming variety of bird wings. See text for detailed descriptions of each wing type and the flight styles that make use of it.





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