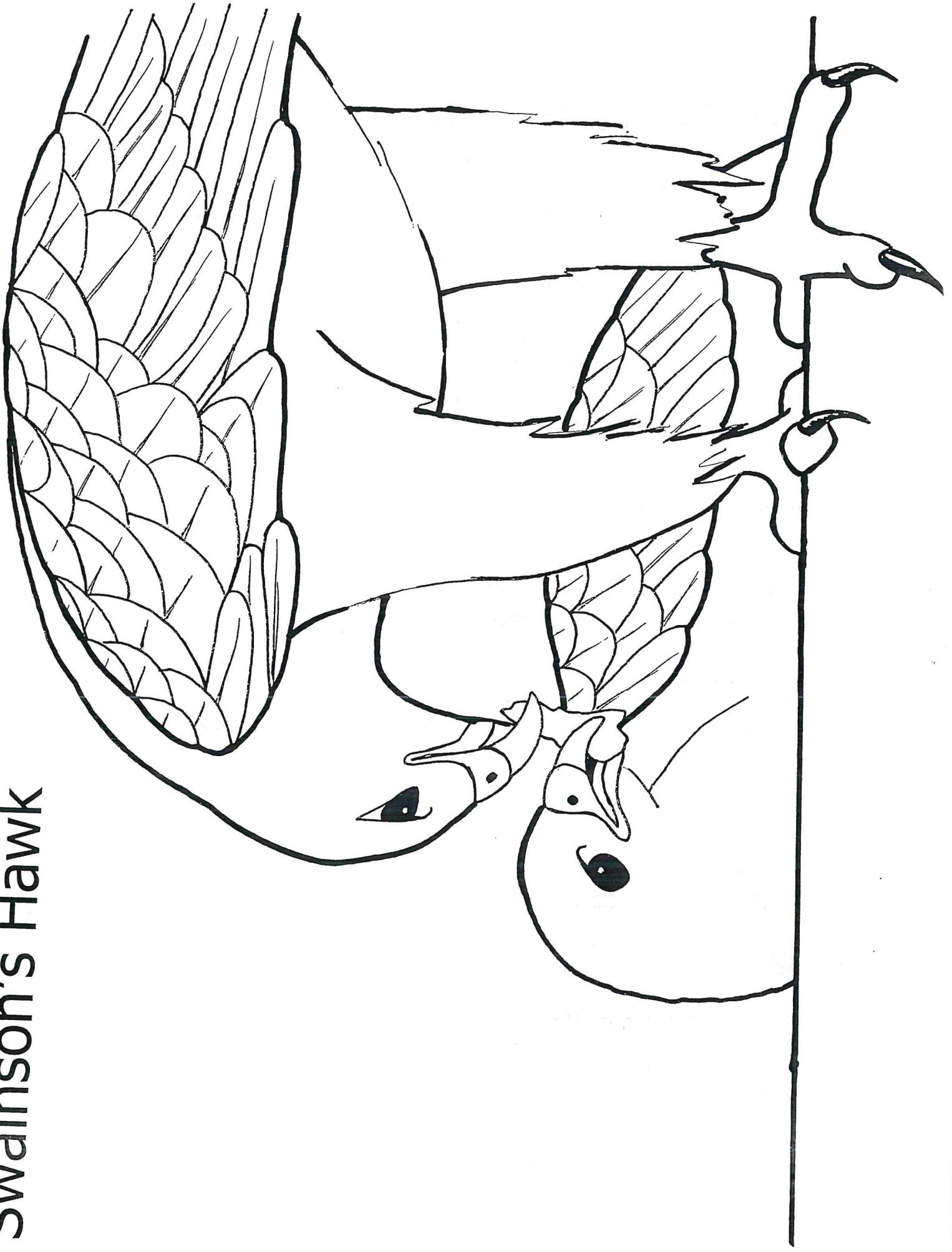


# Swainson's Hawk



# Rocky Mountain Raptor Program

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## Swainson's Hawk – *Buteo swainsoni*

### What does this bird look like?

This raptor has a dark brown back and white and tan chest. There is also a darker brown bib on the neck. White feathers are found under the chin and above the beak on the face. The tail has black and white banding and the wings are broad for soaring on the warm air.

### Where does this bird live?

Prairies, deserts, farm fields any open space areas. Found in Colorado only during spring and summer. Flies south to Argentina for winter – 5,000 miles of travel!!!

### Favorite food:

Small mammals, rabbits reptiles and loves insects – grasshoppers are a favorite!!

### Size:

Wing span: 4 - 4½ feet

Weight: 1.3 – 2.7 pounds

### Lifespan:

6-12 years old in the wild

### How many babies do they have in a year?

Lay 2-4 eggs and both parents incubate. Babies hatch in about 1 month!