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**Avian Observation Sheet**

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• Use the sample ethogram (list of behaviors) on the next page and the table below

• Choose one individual (focal animal) to watch for 3 minutes. After each 15 second interval, put a mark under the behavior you observe the focal animal doing **at that moment**.

• If you see any other behaviors you think are interesting or noteworthy, describe them in the “Behavior Notes” section.

Focal Animal #1 Species Name :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Focal Animal #1 Behavior Notes :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Focal Animal #2 Species Name :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Bird of Prey Ethnogram**

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| **Behavior Type** | **Behavior** | **Code** | **Description** |
| **Solitary** |  |  |  |
|  | Flying | F | Animal is moving from place to place by flying |
|  | Walking | W | Animal is moving from place to place by walking |
|  | Enrichment | En | Animal is playing with an enrichment item by itself  |
| **Food** |  |  |  |
|  | Searching for Food | SF | Animal is hunting or foraging for food in habitat |
|  | Eating Food | EF | Animal is eating food |
|  | Drinking | D | Animal is drinking water |
| **Social** |  |  |  |
|  | Interacting with other animals | I | Actively interacting, like playing or preening, with another bird |
|  | Contact | C | Coming into contact with another bird while moving about |
| **Aggressive** |  |  |  |
|  | Fighting | Fi | Bird is seen fighting or showing aggression towards another animal |
|  | Steal food | SF | Animal approaches another animal that has food in the environment, takes that food item from the other animal. |
| **Sleeping** |  |  |  |
|  | Resting  | R | Resting, but easily woken by noises or movement |
|  | Sleeping  | S | Fully asleep and not easily woken by noises or movement |
| **Self-care** |  |  |  |
|  | Maintenance | M | Urinating or defecating |
|  | Preening | P | Animal is using it’s beak to straighten feathers |
|  | Bathing | B | Bird is either dust bathing or in water pool bathing |
| **Raise Young** |  |  |  |
|  | Nest building | N | Bird is actively gathering nest materials and building it’s nest |
|  | Laying Eggs | L | Animal is a female and laying eggs in a nest |
|  | Incubating Eggs | IE | Bird is sitting on eggs in the nest |