

Specialized adaptations for flight: – Keratinous feathers (modified scales) that function in both flight and insulation – Specialized wing shape that produces lift – Numerous weight-reducing features ● Birds usually have poor sense of smell & taste ● Some, carnivores, waterfowl, flightless birds have well developed sense of smell & taste ● Birds have the keenest eyesight in the animal kingdom and also very good hearing ● A hawk can clearly see a crouching rabbit a mile away