Top Colouring Tips

You can colour in the pages with pens, paints and pencils. Here are some tips if you choose to use pencils or paints. Use the colour key as a guide to the colour of the birds. If you’re using colouring pencils, gather as many colours together as you can, the more colours you have the better!

When you use a pencil to colour in, it’s called shading. Make sure to use the flat side of the pencil and build up the colour slowly in layers.

If you have any, watercolour pencils are great for giving a really bold colour which is especially good for areas of black.

Brilliant blending
Blend two colours together by shading one colour on top of another to make the colour you need.

Bird plumage can merge from one colour into another. Use your shading skills to blend starting with one colour and blending to another colour.

Bring your leaves to life by blending two colours of green starting with dark green near the leaf centre or leaf veins.

Colours you might need

Don’t worry if you haven’t got many of these colours, use the blending tips below, and just have fun colouring these amazing birds.

Colouring with paints
If you’re using paints to do your colouring, remember to mix colours together to get the perfect colour for your picture. You don’t need a pallet, just use a dinner plate or used plastic pots.

The plumage on this Ridgways Hawk has a pale grey background that you paint first. When dry, red/brown feather details can be painted on top.
Coloursing Key

use these pictures to help you with your colouring

1. Antillean Euphonia
2. Bee Hummingbird
3. Guadeloupe Woodpecker
4. Barbuda Warbler
5. Hispaniolan Woodpecker
6. Grenada Dove
7. Forest Thrush
8. Bahama Woodstar
9. Adelaide’s Warbler
10. La Selle Thrush
11. Hispaniolan Parakeet
12. Bahama Yellowthroat
13. Antillean Siskin
14. Puerto Rican Emerald
15. Hispaniolan Parrot
16. Antillean Crested Hummingbird
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