

STELLER'S SEA EAGLES

- These magnificent birds are one of the largest species of eagle in the world.
- The wingspan of the Steller's sea eagle is close to eight feet.
- Females can weigh over 20 pounds, though weights around 15 pounds are more common.
- The female is named Aleutia. She was hatched in 2003 at the Tallinn Zoo in Estonia.
- Kodiak, the male, was hatched in 2005 at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Steller's sea eagles are a type of bird called a RAPTOR, which means:

- They are meat eaters.
- They have amazingly strong feet with very sharp claws called talons.
- They use their feet and talons to catch and kill their prey.
- They have sharp hooked beaks that they use to tear their food into bite-sized pieces.
- They have very keen eyesight.
- Other raptors include hawks, kites and falcons!

Native habitat and diet

- Steller's sea eagles are native to northeast Asia. The largest populations are found in Siberia near the Bering Sea. They are almost always found near water.
- Steller's sea eagle diets in the wild consist of almost anything that they can hunt or scavenge: fish (especially trout and salmon), mammals such as hares and foxes, birds such as ducks and ptarmigans, and even crabs.

DID YOU KNOW? Female raptors are up to 30% larger than males. One theory is that this allows females to better defend their nests and chicks, while the smaller, lighter males are faster and better able to hunt.

