Following Up

Grizzly Gizzards

What Did You Learn?

1. What does a bird’s gizzard do?

2. How does a bird’s gizzard work?

3. What did you find most interesting about the gizzard demonstration?

Wanted: Your Feedback

1. Did the participants take the time to closely observe the results of the grinding action on the foods placed in the bags?

2. How would you improve on this activity?

Consider the size of the bag you used in this activity and the results you got after grinding for one minute. Imagine how powerful a bird’s gizzard must be compared to the action demonstrated through this activity. Can you think of any advantages and disadvantages provided to hummingbirds by their less powerful gizzards?