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A. Carnivore	B. Scavenger
C. Herbivore	D. Predator

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A. Their colorful feathers.	B. Their long flight distances.
C. Their nocturnal habits.	D. Their intelligence and adaptability.

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A. Only some species are omnivores	B. Yes
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