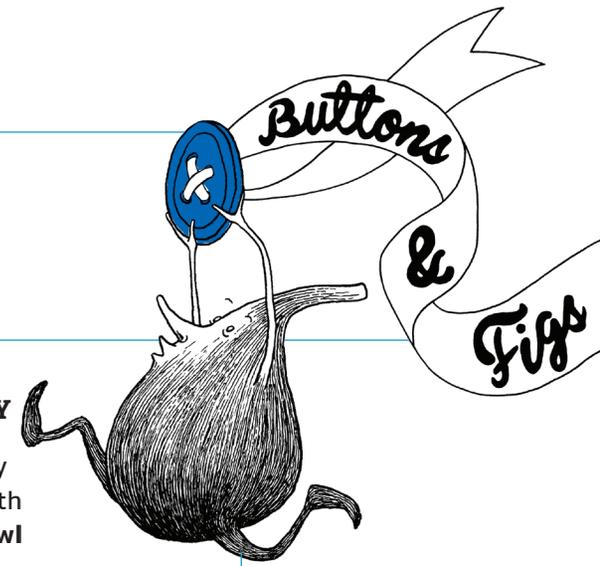


Audubon Acrostic Poetry Activity

with Maricopa Audubon Society & poet David Chorlton



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POEMS BY DAVID CHORLTON

Great Horned

An owl's call rubs softly against the darkness: four AM and no traffic, just a few stars sprinkled across infinity and a mountain

that folded its wings.
Two syllables repeat to give each passing second an echo; daylight's currency buys nothing

in the kingdom of the claw.

Turkey Vulture

The bird of the blood hangs from the sun on a rack of bones. It is never alone when it rests with shoulders hunched, looking for an open wound to receive its penitent head.

ACROSTIC POETRY PLAY

Create an acrostic poem by writing lines that begin with each letter of the words **Owl** and **Vulture**.

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“The desert is a high-pitched scream if you want it to be.”

from the poem “Entering Desert” by David Chorlton

What sounds do you hear in the desert?



desert by Nathaniel Smith from the Noun Project