Who’s Soaring Overhead?

Shadows glide over the lake's shimmering surface. Peering skyward, you glimpse an enormous bird of prey. What is it? Look closely at the feathers. Where is it hunting?

**Golden Eagle?**
The open grasslands are excellent hunting spots for golden eagles, who crave ground squirrels.

**Bald Eagle?**
With a taste for fish, bald eagles hunt over Lake Del Valle, or watch from a lakeside perch.

Golden eagles are dark brown with a “golden” nape, and it’s easy to spot the white head and tail of bald eagles. Young eagles are harder to distinguish—both are brown with white patches under the tail and wings. Immature golden eagles tend to have “neat” white patches, while bald eagles look “mottled.”

Other Common Soarers

- red-tailed hawk
- turkey vulture
- osprey

*Turkey vulture: Andrew Reding; adult bald eagle, adult golden eagle, osprey, and red-tailed hawk: Jerry Ting; golden eagle: Pat Gaines Photography; juvenile bald eagle: Mike Martin*