





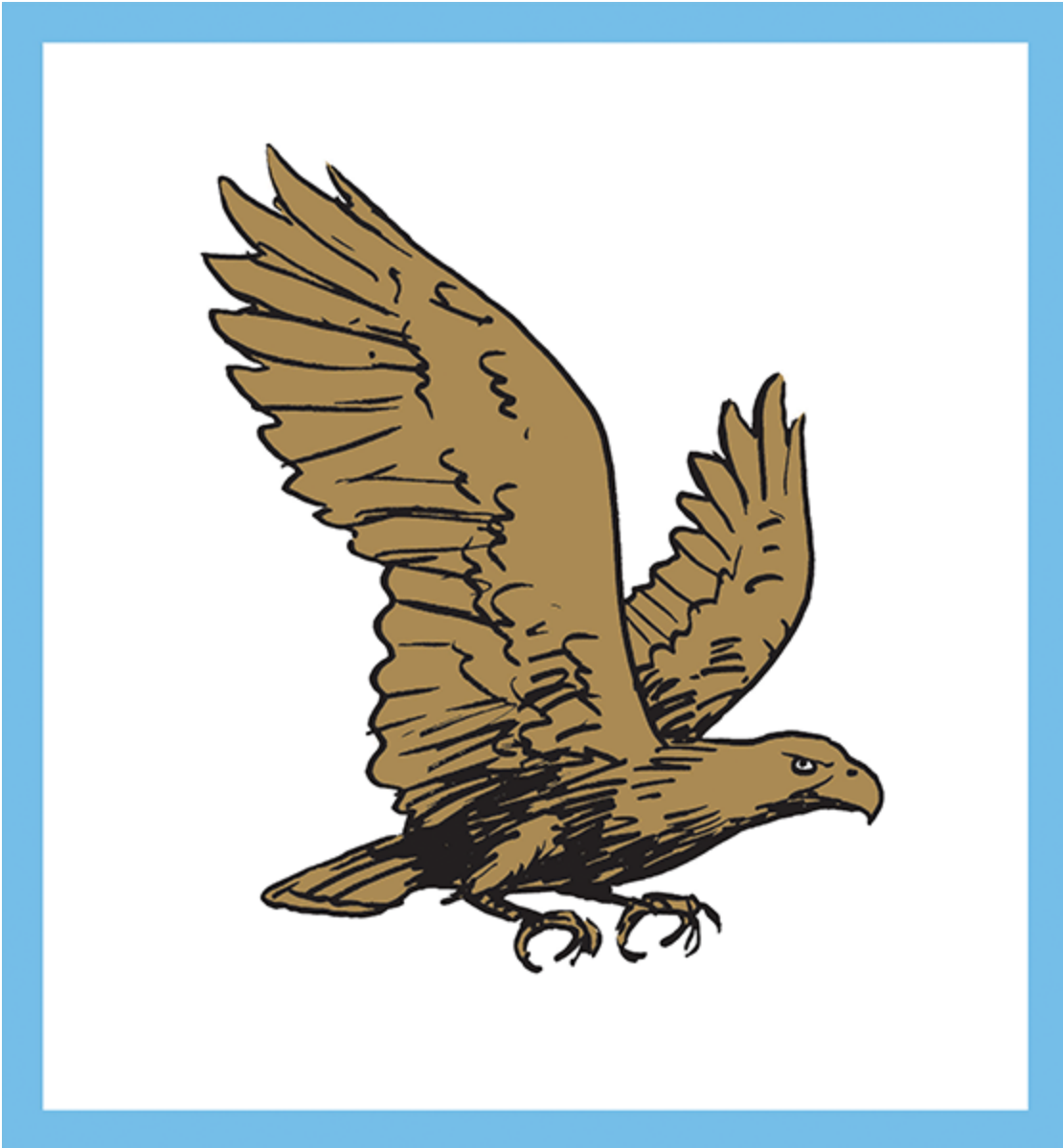
## About Birds

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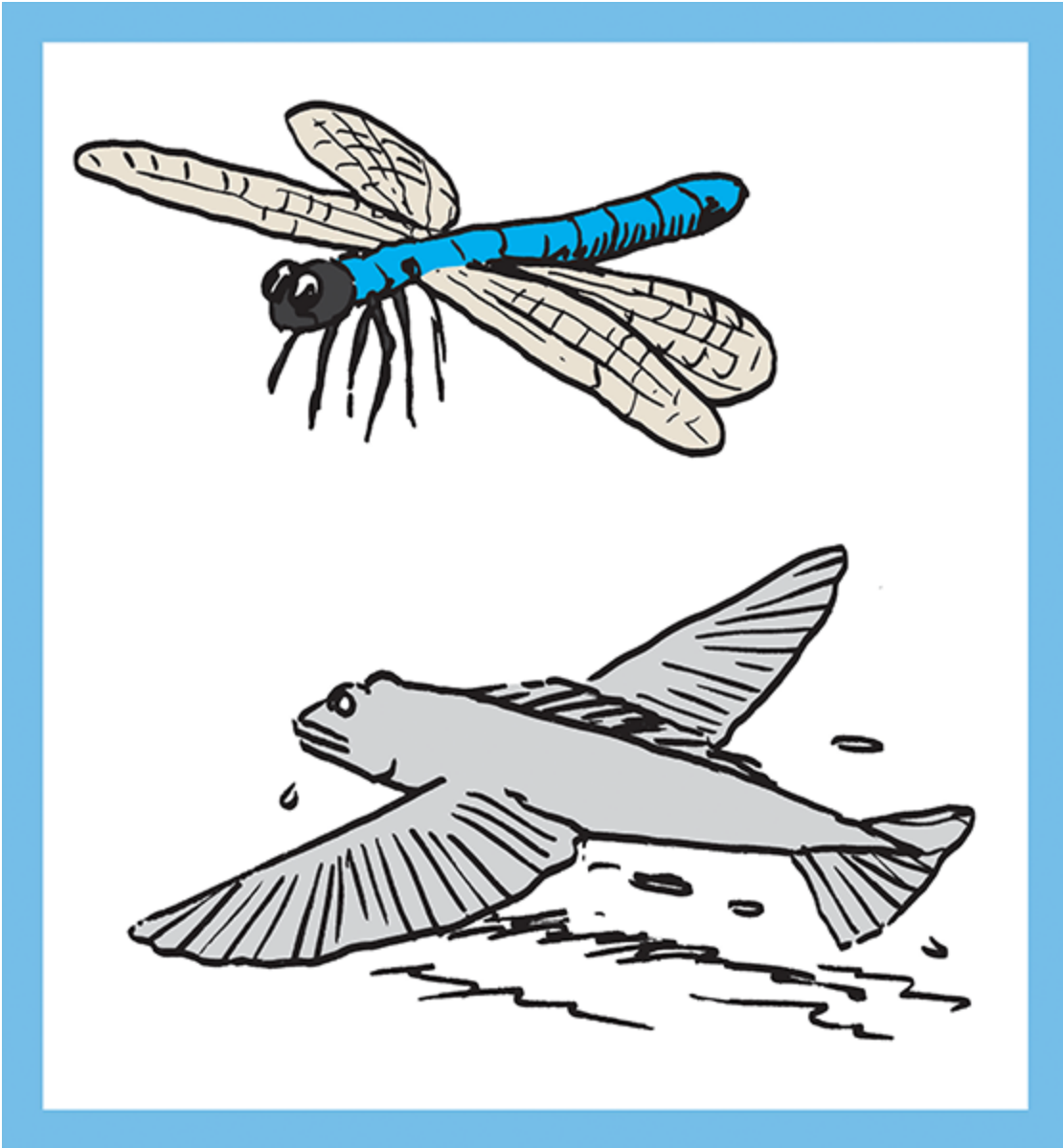
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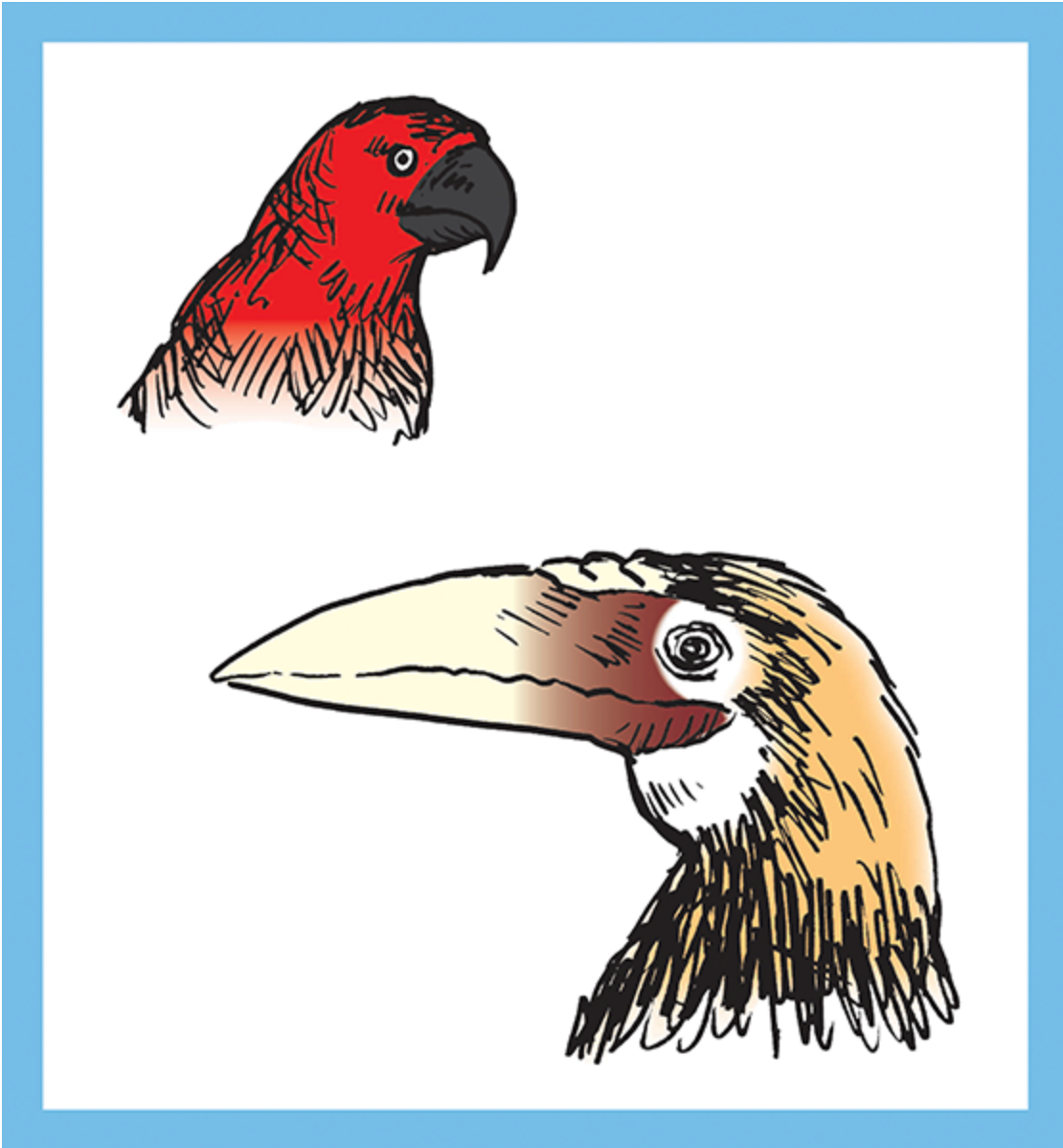
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What is different about birds? This eagle has wings that are long and wide. Are birds the only animals with wings?



No. Some insects have wings. This dragonfly has wings. Flying fish have fins that look like wings.



This parrot and hornbill have a bill. A bill can also be called a beak. Are birds the only animals with a bill?



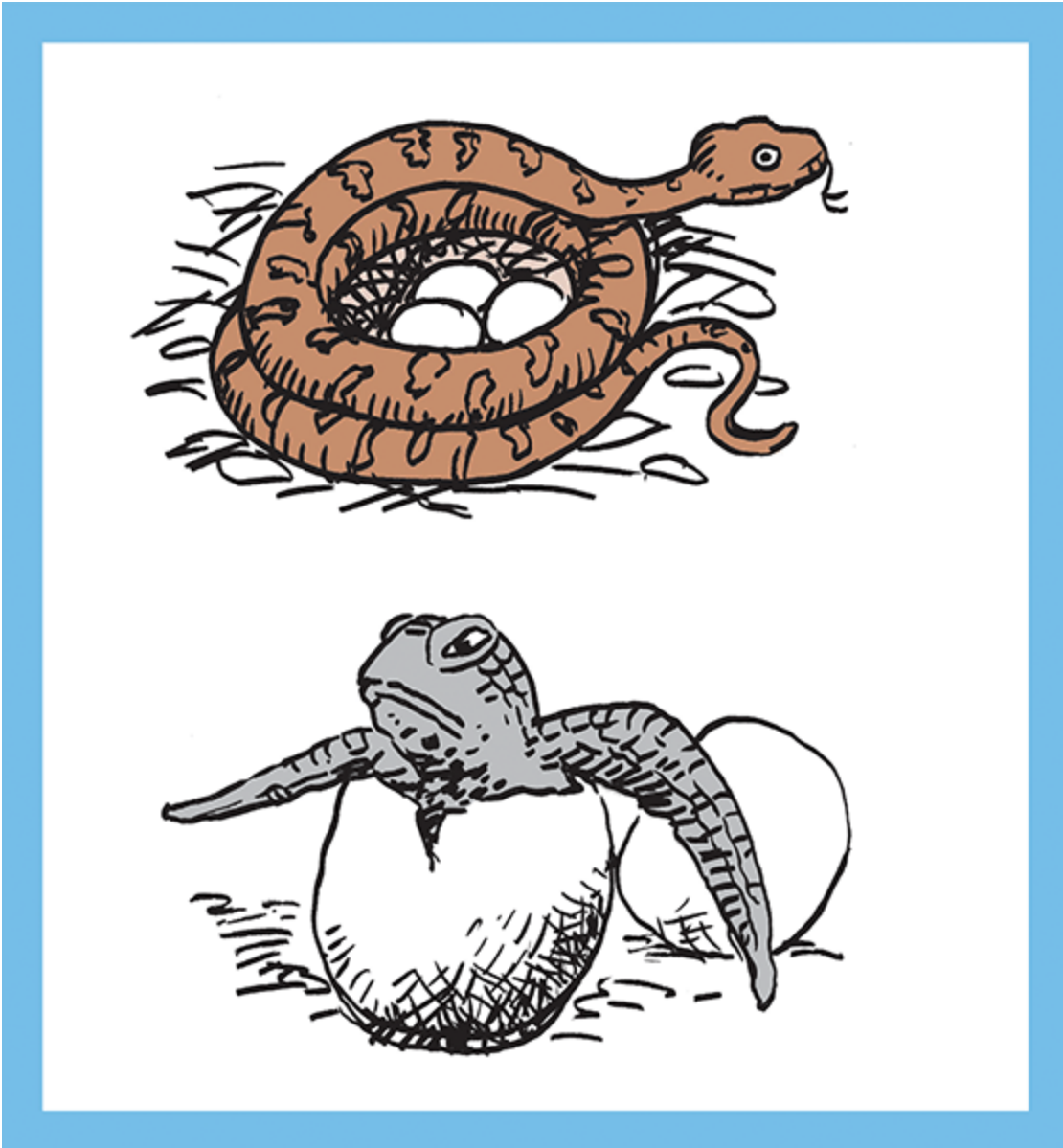


No. A platypus has a bill.





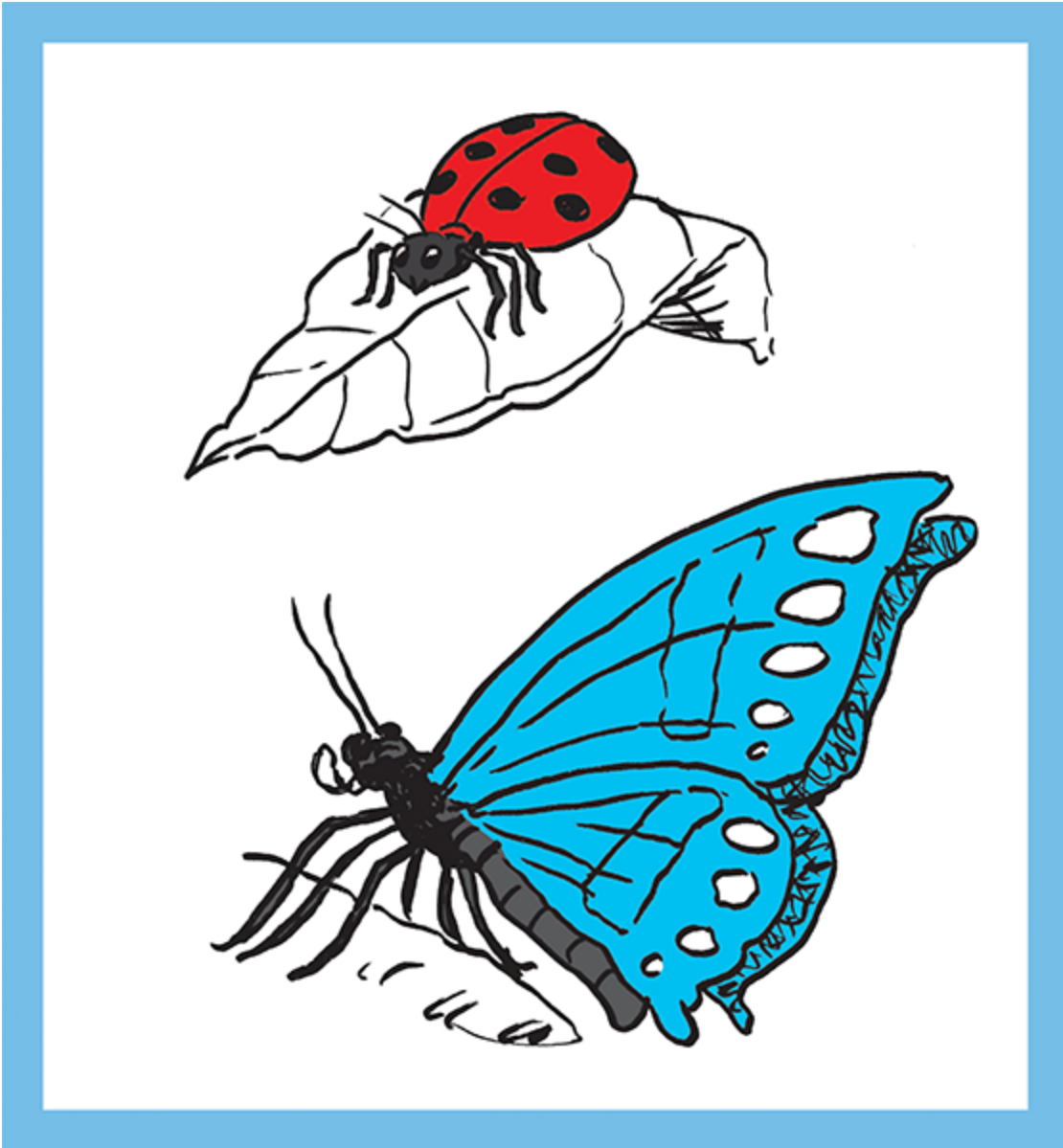
Are birds the only animals that lay eggs?



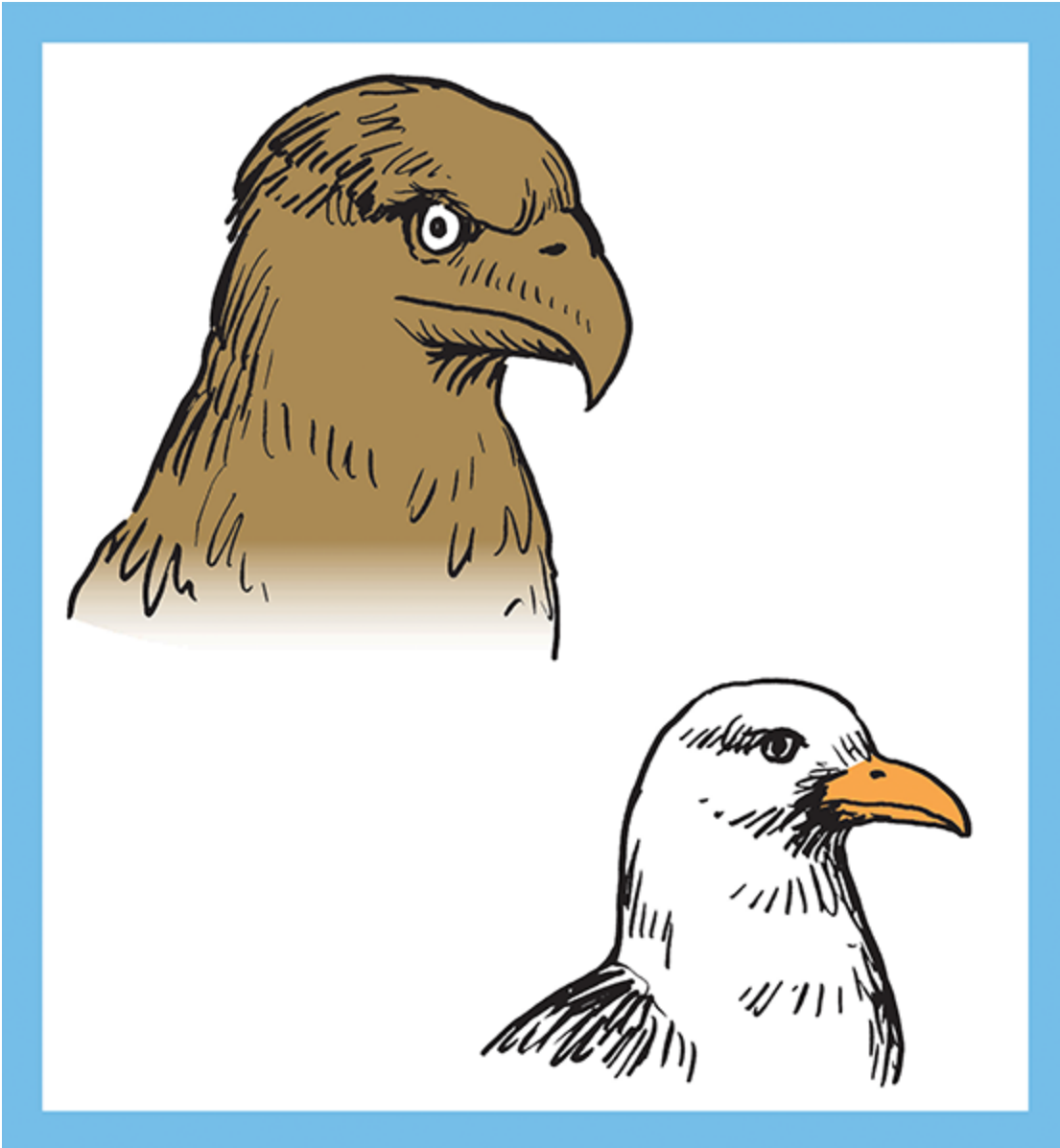
No. Fish, frogs, snakes and turtles lay eggs.



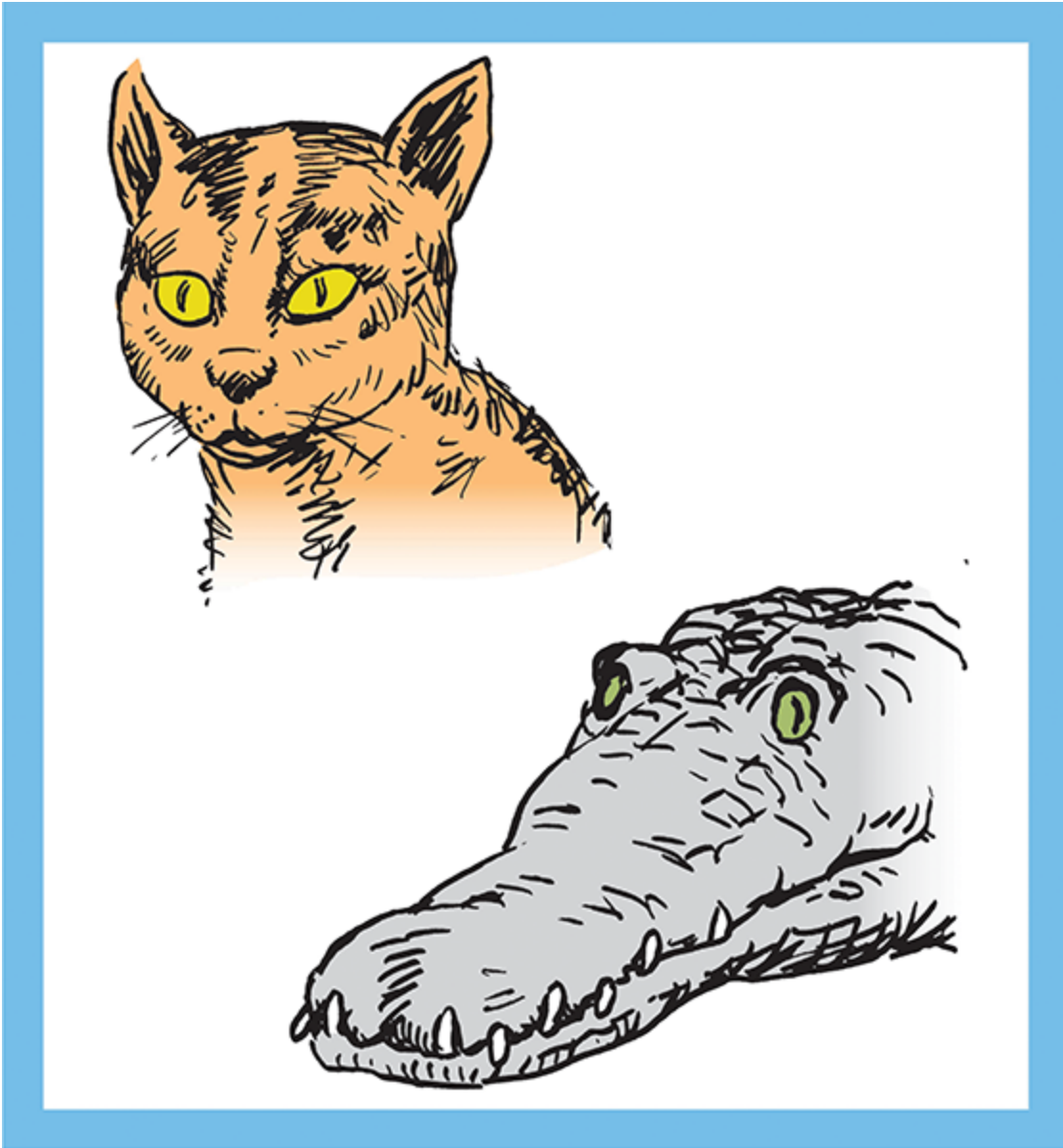
The male bird of paradise has bright colours. Are birds the only animals with bright colours?



No. Beetles, ladybugs, butterflies and fish have bright colours.

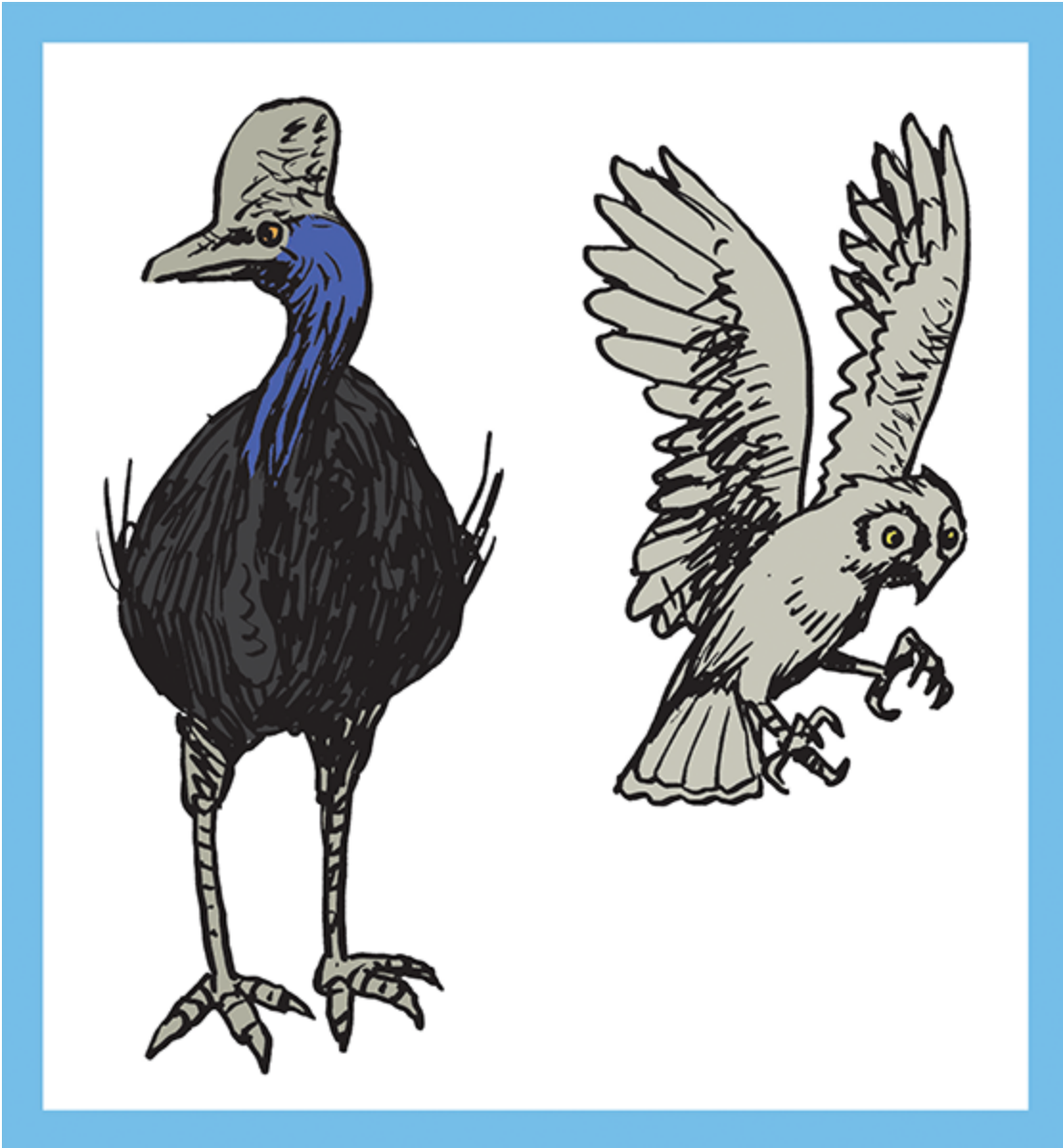


This eagle and seagull have sharp eyes. Are birds the only animals with sharp eyes?



No. Many animals, such as cats and crocodiles, have sharp eyes.





This cassowary and owl have sharp claws. Are birds the only animals with sharp claws?





No. Cuscus, kangaroos and many other animals have sharp claws.



What makes birds different from other animals? Birds are the only animals with feathers.



Feathers are very useful. • They keep the bird warm. • They help the bird fly. • Tail feathers help the bird to steer. • The colour of their feathers

helps birds to hide. • The colour of their feathers also helps birds to find a mate.



Comprehension Questions 1. Are birds the only animals that have wings? 2. What other animals have wings? 3. Are birds the only animals

what lay eggs? 4. What other animals lay eggs? 5. Which PNG birds and insects are brightly coloured? 6. Why do animals need sharp eyes? 7. Why do birds and some other animals need sharp claws? 8. What makes birds different from other animals? 9. In what ways are feathers useful? 10 .Would you like to be a bird? Why? Activity Draw your favourite bird.



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