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# Legs, Wings, Fins, and Flippers



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## 🔊 Introduction

Animals move in many ways.

Animals have different body parts  
to help them move.



four legs

two legs



six legs



🔊 On Land  
Most animals that live  
on land have legs.  
Animals can have different  
numbers of legs.





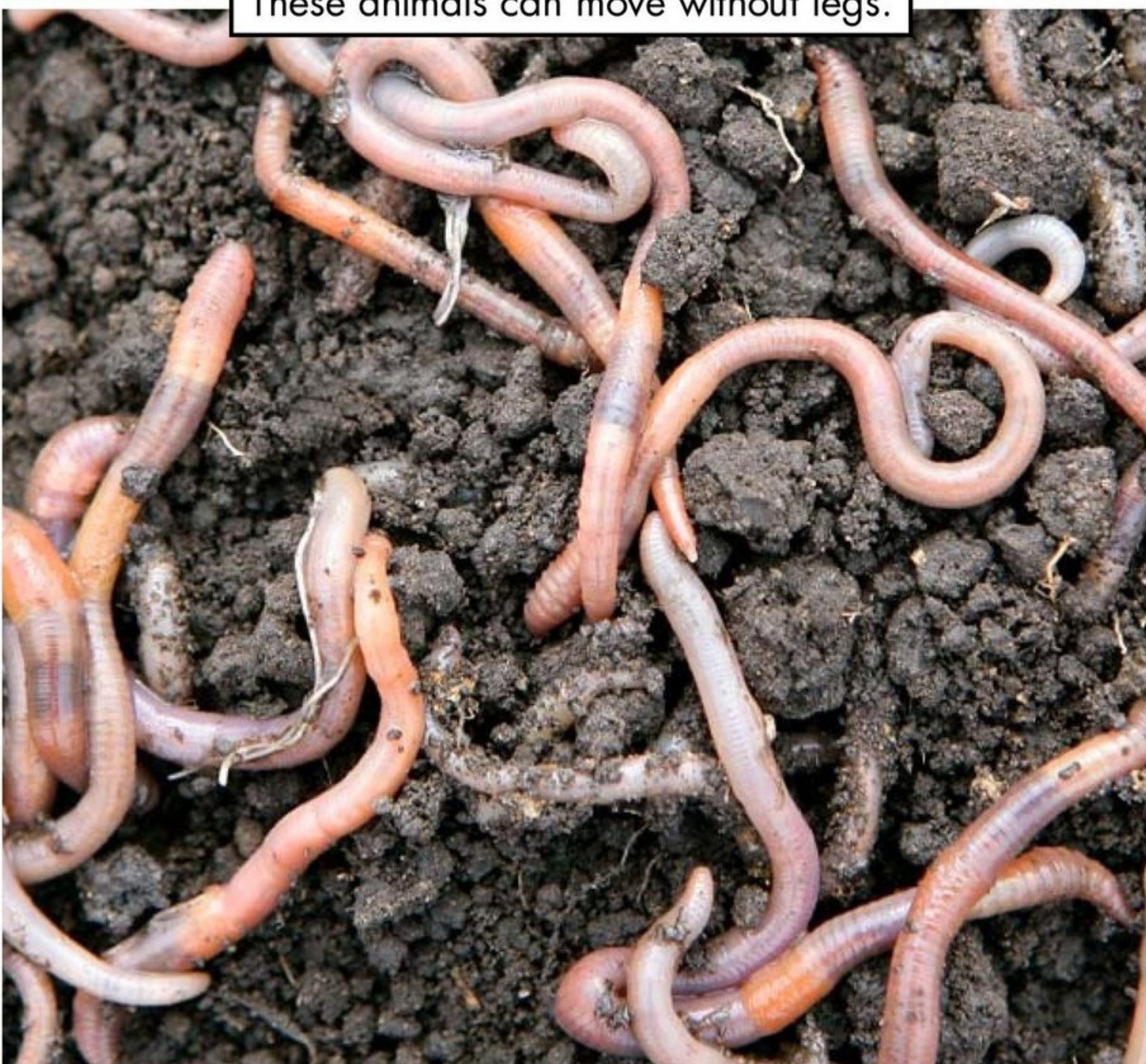
Frogs have longer  
back legs than toads.

🔊 Horses have long legs to run fast.

Frogs have long back legs to **leap**.



These animals can move without legs.



Some animals have no legs.

These animals slide their bodies  
to move.

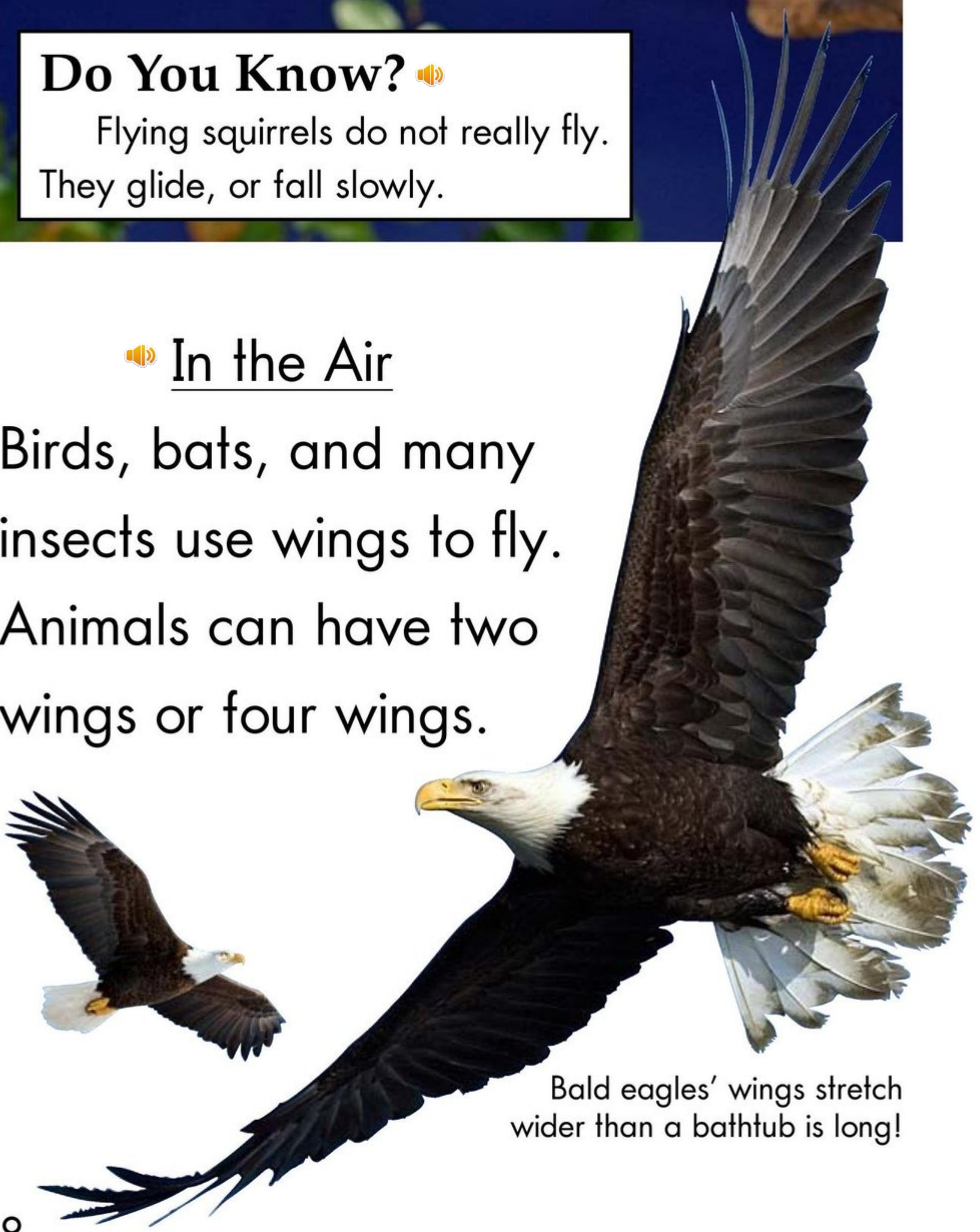


## Do You Know? 🔊

Flying squirrels do not really fly.  
They glide, or fall slowly.

## 🔊 In the Air

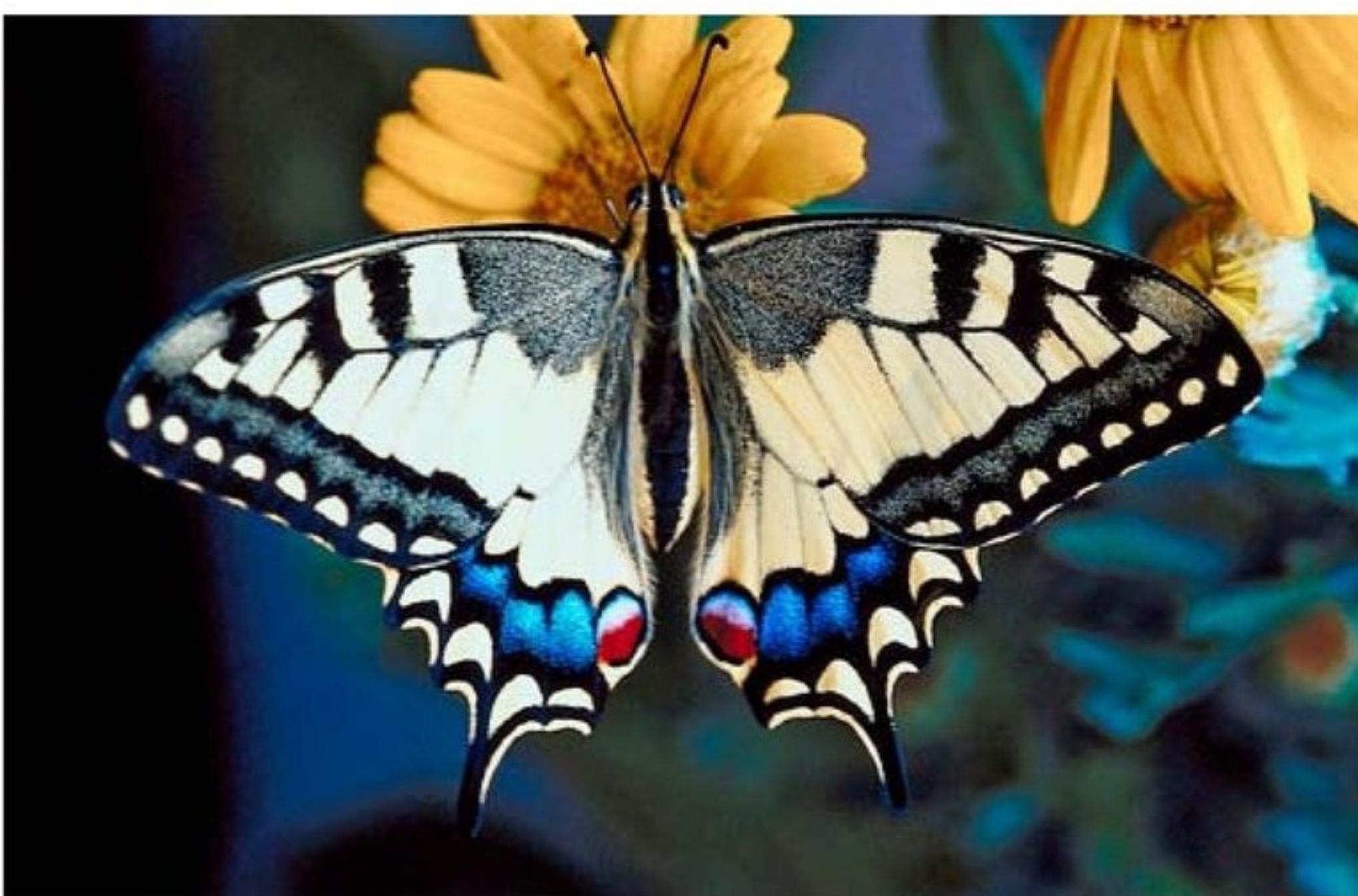
Birds, bats, and many insects use wings to fly.  
Animals can have two wings or four wings.



This chick is too young to fly.



**Chicks** can't fly until they grow  
strong feathers.



This butterfly has wings with colorful spots.

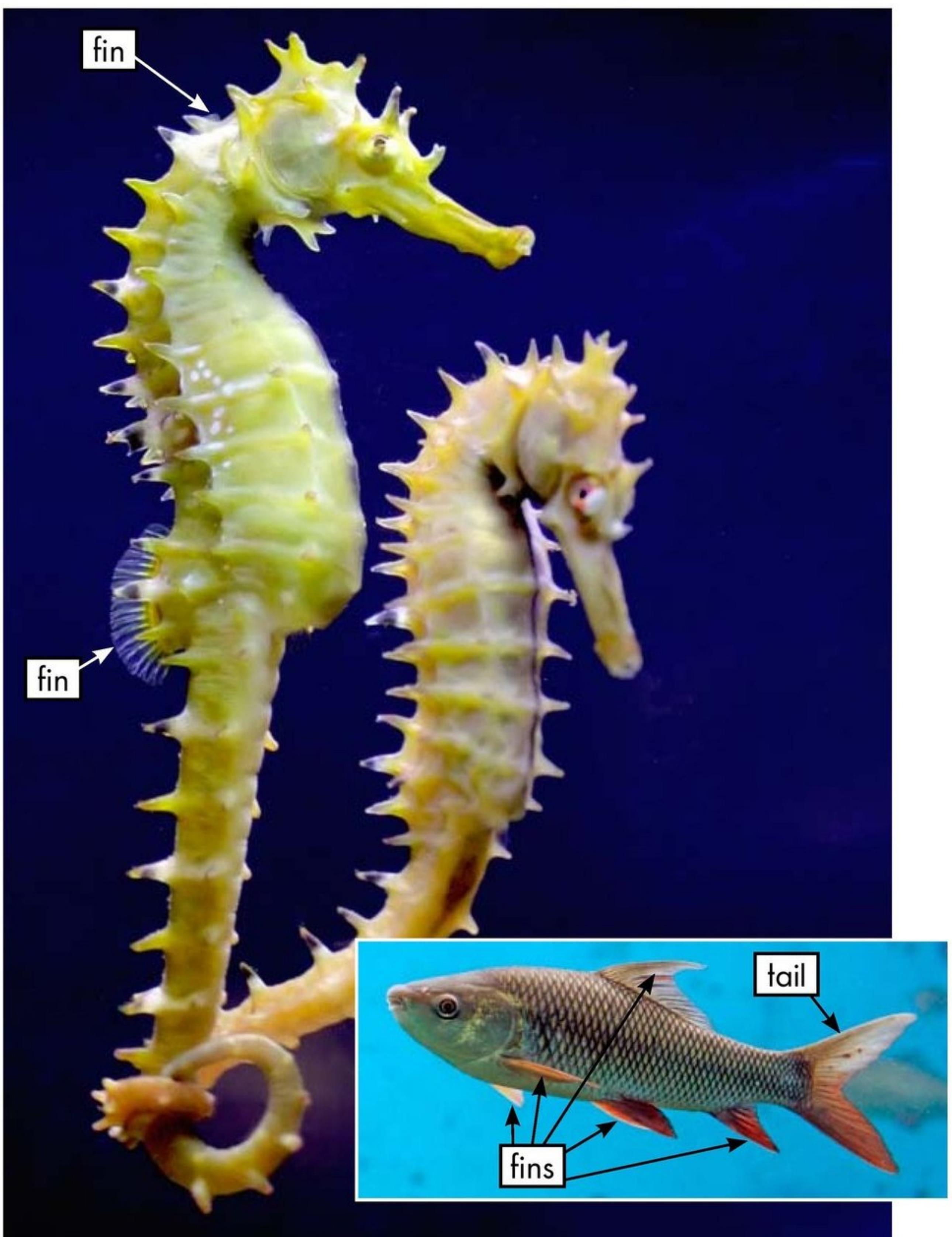


These bees have wings you can see through.



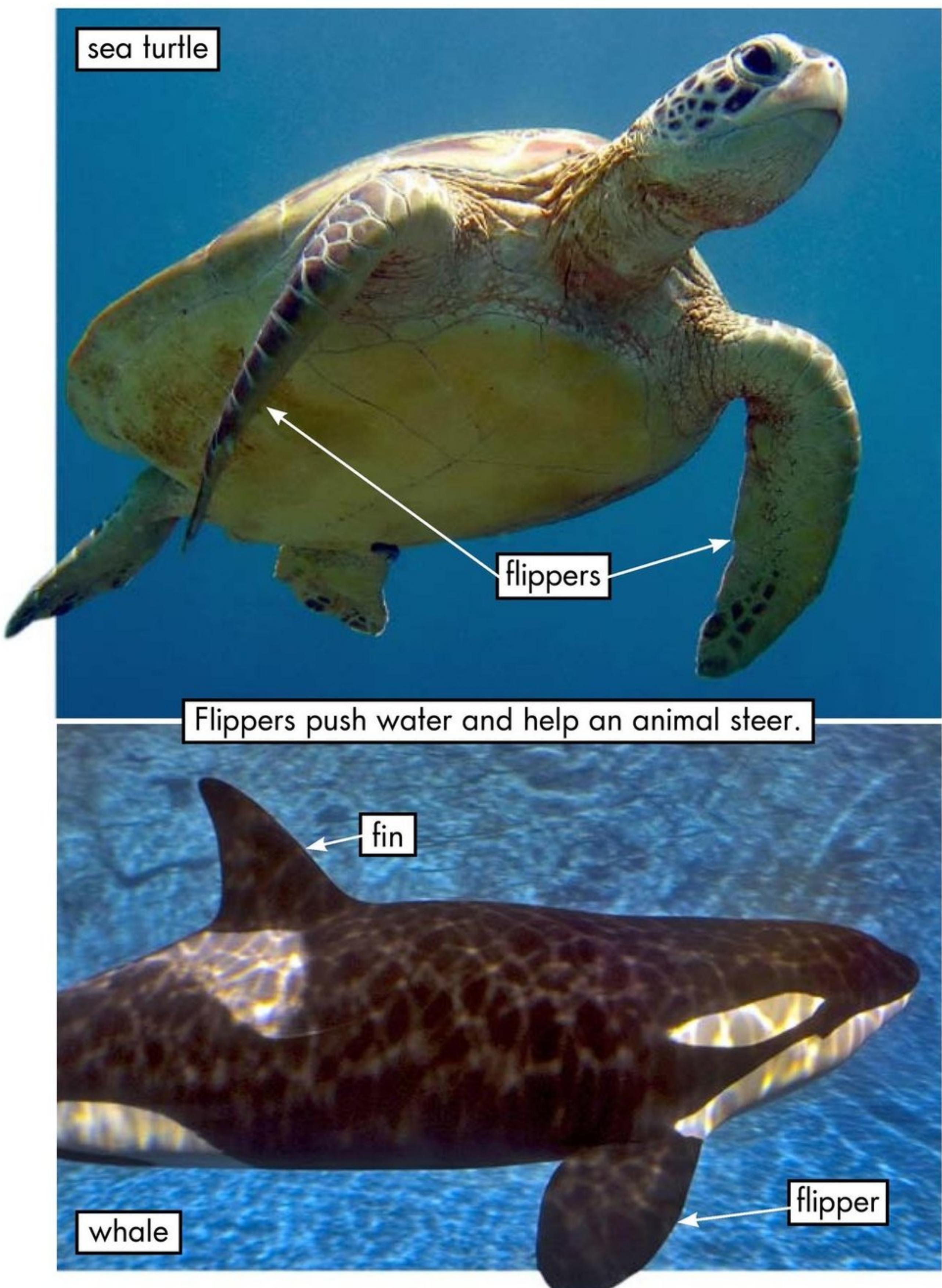
Bat wings have a special shape.

🔊  
Animal wings come in many shapes and sizes.



## 🔊 In Water

Fish use fins and tails to move through the water.



Whales have fins and flippers.

But seals, sea lions, and sea turtles  
only have flippers.



Penguins walk slowly on land.



Penguins cannot fly, but they can swim very well.



Penguins are birds, but they have flippers instead of wings.

Penguins swim to hunt fish in the ocean.

On land, they can walk, or they can slide on their bellies.

bird feet that are webbed



bird feet that are not webbed



Some animals that live in water

have **webbed** feet.

Webbed feet help animals  
swim better.



## 🔊 Conclusion

Watch how animals move  
in the world around you.  
Think about the body parts  
that help animals move.  
Think about how you move, too!

## Glossary

**chicks** (n.) baby birds (p. 9)

**leap** (v.) to jump a long distance (p. 6)

**webbed** (adj.) having thin skin that connects the toes (p. 14)

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### Do You Know?

Many land animals can climb trees. Monkeys are great climbers. But other land animals are not good climbers. Can you imagine an elephant in a tree?



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