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### Importance of birds

The baby cuckoo, when it hatches, will sometimes push the fledglings out of the nest.

### Details

These birds have either lost their keel muscles, developed larger bodies and stronger feet ratites or have modified forelimbs and feet penguins. These birds inhabit coasts and shorelines, as well as other open habitats.

### Details

We can see evolutionary changes by studying bird populations over time — the reason museum collections exist. The plumage of sandgrouses has colors and patterns that enable these birds to with their surroundings. Some species learn their songs from their parents, while others are born with the innate ability to sing.

### Information about birds vertebrates, definition, facts & features

When a kill is found, many vultures may gather to take advantage of the same food source. Carrion is their preferred diet and vultures often also called condors or buzzards can soar for hours while searching for a meal. Rails are smaller than cranes and include crakes, coots, and gallinules.

### Birds

Today, many of these birds have thus been granted a protected status by the governments of the countries to which they belong. Pairs often remain together for more than one breeding season.

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